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OF THE CALENDAR.

THE Christian or Church Year begins with the First Sunday of Advent, and ends with the last Sunday after Pentecost. It is divided into two main periods: the first, which commemorates our Savior's Incarnation, his life on earth, his passion, resurrection, ascension, and sending of the Holy Ghost, extending from *Advent Sunday* to *Whit-Sunday*, or the *Feast of Pentecost;* the second, from *Pentecost* to *Advent*. The Feasts or Holy Days are known as the *Movable* and *Immovable Feasts*. The Movable Feasts are those reckoned from Easter Sunday, which does not fall on the same day in every year, but varies according to the time of the Full Moon, it being always the first Sunday after the Full Moon which happens upon or next after the twenty-first day of March; and if the Full Moon happen upon a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday after. The Immovable Feasts are those which always fall on the same day of the year. The Immovable Feasts, for which proper lessons are appointed in the following Calendar, are those of our Lord's *Nativity, Circumcision, and Epiphany*, or *Manifestation to the Gentiles;* of the *Annunciation of the Virgin Mary;* of the *Nativity of St. John the Baptist;* of our Lord's *Twelve Apostles*—namely, *St. Peter*, *St. Andrew*, *St. James* (*son of Zebedee*), *St. John*, *St. Philip*, *St. Bartholomew*, *St. Thomas*, *St. Matthew*, *St. James* (*son of Alpheus*), *St. Jude*, *St. Simon, and St. Matthias;* of *St. Mark* and *St. Luke the Evangelists;* of *St. Stephen the First Martyr*, of the *Holy Innocents*, and of *All Saints*. Also, for the 19*th of June*, proper lessons are appointed to commemorate our Lord's "Sending out, on that day, his Twelve Apostles to preach throughout the whole spiritual world the gospel that the LORD JESUS CHRIST reigneth." [See T. C. R., 791.] In the Table of Proper Lessons for Certain Days, lessons are appointed for the following Movable Feasts and Fasts: *Advent Sunday*, i. e., *the first Sunday of Advent; Ash Wednesday*, i. e., the first day of the Lenten Fast of Forty Days; *Palm Sunday*,

being the Sunday *next before Easter;* the *six days of the Holy Week; Easter Day;* the *Sunday after Easter; Ascension Day;* the *Sunday after Ascension; Whit-Sunday*, or the *Feast of Pentecost.* To which is also added the *Feast of the Holy City*, with proper lessons commemorative of the Descent of the Holy Jerusalem out of Heaven from God—to be observed on the *first Sunday after Pentecost.*

Finally, it is to be observed that all Sundays throughout the year are feasts, (those which occur in Lent not being numbered among the forty days of fasting;) and that those Sundays which are not named in the *Table of Proper Lessons for Certain Days*, take their lessons from the Calendar according to the days on which they fall.

OF THE ORDER, TIME, AND MANNER OF READING THE OFFICES.

MATINS and Vespers being the chief Morning and Evening Offices of Public Devotion, may be read at any hour between day-break and noonday, and between three o'clock in the afternoon and nine o'clock in the evening. The other Offices, Lauds, and Complin, designed particularly for the use of large households, such as schools, colleges, and other establishments, are to be read at the following times: *Lauds*, between day-break and nine o'clock in the morning; *Complin*, between sundown and midnight. When all the four Offices, however, are used daily, whether in public or in private, the order and proper hours of their succession are as follows: *Lauds*, from day-break to nine o'clock, thus answering generally to the ancient *Prima; Matins*, from nine o'clock to midday, answering to the ancient *Tertia; Vespers*, from three o'clock to sun-down, answering to the ancient *Nona;* and *Complin*, from sun-down to midnight, being the same as the ancient *Completorium.*

The letters *V* and *R*, as used throughout this book, stand for *Versicle* and *Response*, and indicate that the phrases so marked are to be read or sung responsively. The *V* indicates that part which the minister shall say; the *R*, the part to be said by the

choir or people. Those words before which stands the letter *P*, or which the rubric directs the Priest to say, shall be said *only by a Priest*, the same being omitted when any other person reads the office.

Note that neither in the *Introit at Matins*, *Psalm* 5, nor in any of the Offices, shall any vocal or instrumental *harmonies* accompany the singing or intoning of what precedes the *R.—And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.* At these words may first be introduced the accompaniment of full harmony.

Observe that after the above-mentioned response the *V* reads *Alleluia;* or, *Praise ye the Lord.* As the phrase *Praise ye the Lord* is only the translation of the Hebrew *hallelujah*, it will be seen, of course, that only one of these two forms is to be used at a time. The *Alleluia* is to be used when the office is intoned; when it is read, the minister may say instead, *Praise ye the Lord.*

The *Anthems*, *Hymns*, *Sequences*, and *Canticles*, both those which regularly occur in the Offices and those which are appointed for special occasions, although particularly designed to be sung, may, nevertheless, in the absence of choirs and others who sing, at the discretion of the minister, be read by himself alone, or alternately with the people.

When *Matins* are not immediately followed by a Sermon or the Holy Communion, the Hymn for the Office shall be sung in the place indicated by the rubric, namely, before the First Lesson.

The Psalms for Matins and Vespers, as well as those which occur elsewhere in the offices, should be read or sung *responsively* by the minister, people, or choirs, whenever this is practicable.

THE ORDER HOW THE LESSONS FROM THE WORD ARE TO BE READ.

THE entire Canonical Word is so divided into proper lessons for the four daily Offices, that it may be read through once every year, a few chapters only being left out which are least

profitable for public reading. The lessons are appointed to be read as follows: At *Lauds*, a lesson from the New Testament; at *Matins*, a lesson from the Old Testament, followed by one from the New; at *Complin*, a lesson from the Old Testament; at *Vespers* may be read for the lesson the *Gospel* for the day, or, in place thereof, when Lauds and Complin are not read the same day, the lessons appointed for these offices—the lesson for Complin being the first, and that for Lauds being the second, and, in the latter case, after the first lesson shall be said or sung, throughout the year, the Sequence, *Trisagion*, as follows: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty: who was, and who is, and who is to come.*

On Sundays and Holy Days, when neither Vespers are read nor the Holy Communion celebrated, the minister may, at his discretion, read *at Matins* the *Gospel for the day*, in place of the *Second Lesson*, as appointed.

The *Psalter* is to be read through at *Matins* and *Vespers* once every month, except February, when it shall be read only to the *twenty-eighth* or *twenty-ninth day*. And, whereas, *January*, *March*, *May*, *July*, *August*, *October*, and *December* have each thirty-one days, the Psalms appointed for the thirtieth day shall also be read on the last day of these months, so that the Psalter may begin again with the first day of the month following.

When any Psalm, occurring in the Psalter for either Matins or Vespers of any day of the month, is also appointed to be said or sung elsewhere *in the same office*, the minister may, at his discretion, omit the said Psalm in the regular course of the Psalter, provided always it be an *entire* Psalm, and not a portion of one only, appointed elsewhere to be said or sung.

When the appointed lesson for any Office forms only a part of a chapter, the minister may, at his discretion, read the entire chapter from which the lesson is taken, provided the office be not read daily, and provided it be not on one of the days named in the *Table of Lessons for Certain Days*.

Note.—That the Gospel appointed for the *Sunday* shall serve all the week after, except where the rubric otherwise directs.

PROPER LESSONS FOR CERTAIN DAYS,

which, being movable Fasts and Feasts, are not in the Calendar.

SUNDAYS AND HOLY-DAYS.	LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
		1st Lesson.	2d Lesson.	
Advent Sunday...	Matt. 3 : v. 1-12.	Is. 1.	Luke 1 : v. 1-39.	Gen. 3 : v. 1-15.
Ash Wednesday..	Rev. 3 : v. 14-22.	Is. 58.	Lu. 6 : v. 20-49.	Joel 2 : v. 12-17.
Palm Sunday.....	Matt.27: to v.61.	Dan. 9.	John 18.	Zech. 9 : v.9-17.
Monday in Holy Week.....	Jn. 11: v. 47-57.	Jer. 26.	Jn. 12 : v. 1-36.	Hos. 6.
Tuesday in Holy Week.....	John 14.	Mic. 6: v. 1-9.	Lu. 19 : v. 28-48.	Lam. 1.
Wednesday in Holy Week	John 16.	Zech. 11.	Mark. 14.	Lam. 3.
Maundy Thursd.	Matt. 26.	Jer. 31.	John 13.	Is. 63.
Good Friday.....	Mk. 15 : v. 1-38.	Is. 52: v.13&c.53.	Luke 23: to v.49.	Gen. 22 : v. 1-19.
Holy Saturday, or Easter Eve.....	Mk. 15 : v. 42-47.	Is. 38 : v. 10-20.	Lu. 23 : v. 50-56.	Ex. 13.
Easter Day.....	Luk. 24 : v. 1-12.	Ex. 12.	Jn. 20 : v. 1-18.	Is. 25.
Sun. after Easter.	Matt. 28.	Ex. 14.	Lu. 24 : v. 13-35.	Is. 26.
Ascension Day....	Rev. 19.	II Kings 2.	Lu. 24 : v. 36-53.	Gen. 5 : v. 21-24.
Sun. after Ascen.	Jn. 14 : v. 1-14.	Joel 2 : v. 21-32.	Jn. 16 : v. 5-33.	Is. 32.
Whit Sunday, or Feast of Pentecost	Rev. 1.	Ex. 34.	Jn. 20 : v. 19-31.	Deut.16 : v.1-17.
Holy City.....	Matt. 25.	Is. 54.	Rev. 21.	Is. 65 : v. 17-25.

Note.—That all the Sundays not named in the above table, as well as the Immovable Feasts, take their lessons from the Calendar according to the days on which they fall.

PROPER PSALMS FOR CERTAIN DAYS.

DAYS.	MATINS.	VESPERS.
Christmas Day.....	2, 19, 45, 85.	110, 111, 132.
Ash Wednesday.....	6, 32, 38.	102, 130, 143.
Good Friday.....	22, 40, 54.	69, 70, 88.
Easter Eve.....	18, 23.	13, 14, 16, 17.
Easter Day.....	30, 97, 99.	113, 114, 115, 118.
Ascension.....	8, 21, 24.	47, 108.
Pentecost.....	48, 68.	104, 145, 146,
Holy City.....	27, 76, 87.	122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127.

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FOR

JANUARY.

CALENDAR.		LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
			1ST LESSON.	2D LESSON.	
1	*Circumcision.*	John 1: to v. 34.	Gen. 1.	Matt. 1.	Gen. 17.
2	———	1: v. 35.	2.	2.	Jer. 1.
3	———	2: to v. 11.	3.	3.	2: to v. 19.
4	———	2: v. 12.	4.	4.	2: v. 20.
5	———	3: to v. 21.	5.	5: to v. 26.	3.
6	*Epiphany.*	Rev. 4.	Isa. 60.	Lu. 2: v. 22–40.	Ex. 3: to v. 14.
7	———	John 3: v. 22.	Gen. 6.	Matt. 5: v. 27.	Jer. 4: to v. 18.
8	———	4: to v. 30.	7.	6: to v. 18.	4: v. 19.
9	———	4: v. 31–42.	8.	6: v. 19.	5: to v. 18.
10	———	4: v. 43.	9.	7.	5: v. 19.
11	———	5: to v. 16.	11.	8: to v. 17.	6: to v. 17.
12	———	5: v. 17.	12.	8: v. 18.	6: v. 18.
13	———	6: to v. 21.	13.	9: to v. 17.	7: to v. 20.
14	———	6: v. 22–51.	14.	9: v. 18.	7: v. 21.
15	———	6: v. 52.	15.	10.	8.
16	———	7: to v. 13.	16.	11.	9: to v. 16.
17	———	7: v. 14–31.	17.	12: to v. 21.	9: v. 17.
18	———	7: v. 32.	18.	12: v. 22.	10.
19	———	8: to v. 11.	19.	13: to v. 23.	11.
20	———	8: v. 12–32.	20.	13: v. 24–43.	12.
21	———	8: v. 33.	21.	13: v. 44.	13: to v. 14.
22	———	9.	22.	14: to v. 21.	13: v. 15.
23	———	10: to v. 21.	23.	14: v. 22.	14.
24	———	10: v. 22.	24: to v. 28.	15: to v. 20.	15.
25	———	11: to v. 46.	24: v. 29.	15: v. 21.	16.
26	———	11: v. 47.	25.	16.	17: to v. 11.
27	———	12: to v. 11.	26.	17.	17: v. 12.
28	———	12: v. 12–36.	27: to v. 29.	18: to v. 20.	18.
29	———	12: v. 37.	27: v. 30.	18: v. 21.	19.
30	———	13: to v. 17.	28.	19: to v. 15.	20.
31	———	13: v. 18.	29.	19: v. 16.	21.

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FOR

FEBRUARY.

CALENDAR.	LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
		1st Lesson.	2d Lesson.	
1 ———	Luke 3.	Gen. 30.	Matt. 20.	Jer. 22.
2 ———	4: to v. 13.	31.	21: to v. 22.	23: to v. 15.
3 ———	4: v. 14–32.	32.	21: v. 23.	23: v. 16.
4 ———	4: v. 33.	33.	22: to v. 22.	24.
5 ———	5: to v. 15.	34.	22: v. 23.	25: to v. 14.
6 ———	5: v. 16–26.	35.	23.	25: v. 15.
7 ———	5: v. 27.	37.	24: to v. 28.	26.
8 ———	6: to v. 19.	38.	24: v. 29.	27: to v. 11.
9 ———	6: v. 20.	39.	25: to v. 30.	27: v. 12.
10 ———	7: to v. 18.	40.	25: v. 31.	28.
11 ———	7: v. 19–35.	41: to v. 36.	26: to v. 25.	29: to v. 14.
12 ———	7: v. 36.	41: v. 37.	26: v. 26–56.	29: v. 15.
13 ———	8: to v. 21.	42.	26: v. 57.	30.
14 ———	8: v. 22–40.	43.	Mark 1.	31: to v. 26.
15 ———	8: v. 41.	44.	2.	31: v. 27.
16 ———	9: to v. 17.	45.	3.	32: to v. 25.
17 ———	9: v. 18–36.	46.	4: to v. 20.	32: v. 26.
18 ———	9: v. 37–50.	47.	4: v. 21.	33.
19 ———	9: v. 51.	48.	5: to v. 20.	34.
20 ———	10: to v. 16.	49.	5: v. 21.	35.
21 ———	10: v. 17–24.	50.	6: to v. 29.	36.
22 ———	10: v. 25–37.	Ex. 1.	6: v. 30.	37.
23 ———	10: v. 38.	2.	7.	38: to v. 13.
24 *St. Matthias.*	11: to v. 13.	3.	8: to v. 21.	38: v. 14.
25 ———	11: v. 14–28.	4.	8: v. 22.	39.
26 ———	11: v. 29–36.	5.	9: to v. 29.	40.
27 ———	11: v. 37.	6.	9: v. 30.	41.
28 ———	12: to v. 12.	7.	10: to v. 27.	42.
29 ———	12: v. 13–30.	8.	10: v. 28.	43.

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FOR

MARCH.

CALENDAR.	LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
		1ST LESSON.	2D LESSON.	
1 ———	Lu.12: v.31–48.	Ex. 9: to v. 21.	Mark. 11.	Jer. 44: to v. 14.
2 ———	12: v. 49.	9: v. 22.	12: to v. 27.	44: v. 15.
3 ———	13: to v. 23.	10.	12: v. 28.	45.
4 ———	13: v. 24.	11.	13.	46: to v. 12.
5 ———	14: to v. 14.	16.	14: to v. 25.	46: v. 13.
6 ———	14: v. 15.	17.	14: v. 26–52.	47.
7 ———	15: to v. 10.	18.	14: v. 53.	48: to v. 25.
8 ———	15: v. 11.	19.	Lu. 3: to v. 23.	48: v. 26.
9 ———	16: to v. 18.	20.	4.	49: to v. 27.
10 ———	16: v. 19.	23.	5.	49: v. 28.
11 ———	17: to v. 19.	24.	6: to v. 26.	50: to v. 16.
12 ———	17: v. 20.	25.	6: v. 27.	50: v. 17–34.
13 ———	18: to v. 14.	26.	7: to v. 23.	50: v. 35.
14 ———	18: v. 15–30.	27.	7: v. 24.	51: to v. 24.
15 ———	18: v. 31.	28.	8: to v. 21.	51: v. 25–58.
16 ———	19: to v.27.	29.	8: v. 22.	51: v. 59.
17 ———	19: v. 28.	30.	9: to v. 27.	52: to v. 12.
18 ———	20: to v. 18.	31.	9: v. 28.	52: v. 13–30.
19 ———	20: v. 19.	32.	10.	52: v. 31.
20 ———	21: to v. 24.	33.	11: to v. 28.	Lam.1: to v.11.
21 ———	21: v. 25.	35.	11: v. 29.	1: v. 12.
22 ———	22: to v. 18.	36.	12: to v. 21.	2: to v. 19.
23 ———	Matt.4: to v.11.	37.	12: v. 22.	2: v. 20.
24 ———	4: v. 12.	38.	13.	3: to v. 21.
25 *Annunciation*	5: to v. 16.	Judg. 13: v. 2.	Matt.1:v.18–25.	Gen.18: to v.14.
26 ———	5: v. 17–26.	Ex. 39:to v. 21.	Luke 14.	Lam.3:v.22–36.
27 ———	5: v. 27–37.	39: v. 22.	15.	3: v. 37.
28 ———	5: v. 38.	40: to v. 16.	16.	4.
29 ———	6: to v. 18.	40: v. 17.	17.	5.
30 ———	6: v. 19.	Levit. 8.	18.	Ezek. 1.
31 ———	7: to v. 12.	9.	19: to v. 27.	2.

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FOR

APRIL.

CALENDAR.	LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
		1st Lesson.	2d Lesson.	
1 ———	Matt. 7 : v. 13.	Levit. 16.	Luke 19 : v. 28.	Ezek. 3: to v. 14.
2 ———	8 : to v. 13.	Num. 9.	20.	3 : v. 15.
3 ———	8 : v. 14–27.	10.	21.	4.
4 ———	8 : v. 28.	11.	John 1: to v. 28.	5.
5 ———	9 : to v. 13.	12.	1 : v. 29.	6.
6 ———	9 : v. 14–26.	13.	2.	7.
7 ———	9 : v. 27.	14 : to v. 26.	3.	8.
8 ———	10 : to v. 15.	14 : v. 27.	4 : to v. 30.	9.
9 ———	10 : v. 16–33.	16 : to v. 22.	4 : v. 31.	10.
10 ———	10 : v. 34.	16 : v. 23.	5.	11.
11 ———	11 : to v. 19.	17.	6 : to v. 40.	12 : to v. 16.
12 ———	11 : v. 20.	18.	6 : v. 41.	12 : v. 17.
13 ———	12 : to v. 13.	20.	7 : to v. 31.	13 : to v. 16.
14 ———	12 : v. 14–37.	21.	7 : v. 32.	13 : v. 17.
15 ———	12 : v. 38.	22.	8 : to v. 30.	14 : to v. 11.
16 ———	13 : to v. 17.	23.	8 : v. 31.	14 : v. 12.
17 ———	13 : v. 18–30.	24.	9.	15.
18 ———	13 : v. 31–43.	25.	10.	16 : to v. 14.
19 ———	13 : v. 44.	27.	11 : to v. 46.	16 : v. 15–34.
20 ———	14 : to v. 21.	32.	12 : to v. 19.	16 : v. 35–43.
21 ———	14 : v. 22.	Deut. 1.	12 : v. 20.	16 : v. 44.
22 ———	15 : to v. 20.	2.	13.	17 : to v. 10.
23 ———	15 : v. 21.	3.	14.	17 : v. 11.
24 ———	16 : to v. 12.	4 : to v. 20.	15.	18.
25 *St. Mark.*	16 : v. 13.	4 : v. 21.	Mark 13.	19.
26 ———	17 : to v. 13.	5.	John 16.	20 : to v. 26.
27 ———	17 : v. 14.	6.	17.	20 : v. 27.
28 ———	18 : to v. 20.	7.	Matt. 4.	21 : to v. 17.
29 ———	18 : v. 21.	9.	5 : to v. 26.	21 : v. 18.
30 ———	19 : to v. 12.	10.	5 : v. 27.	22 : to v. 22.

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FOR

MAY.

CALENDAR.	LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
		1ST LESSON.	2D LESSON.	
1 { *St. Philip & St. James.*	Matt. 19: v. 13.	Deut. 11.	Matt. 10.	Ezek. 22: v. 23.
2 ———	20: to v. 16.	12.	6: to v. 18.	24: to v. 14.
3 ———	20: v. 20.	13.	6: v. 19.	24: v. 15.
4 ———	21: to v. 11.	14.	7.	25.
5 ———	21: v. 12–32.	15.	8: to v. 17.	26: to v. 14.
6 ———	21: v. 33.	17.	8: v. 18.	26: v. 15.
7 ———	22: to v. 14.	18.	9: to v. 17.	27: to v. 25.
8 ———	22: v. 15–33.	19.	9: v. 18.	27: v. 26.
9 ———	22: v. 34.	20.	10.	28: to v. 19.
10 ———	23: to v. 12.	26.	11.	28: v. 20.
11 ———	23: v. 13.	27.	12: to v. 21.	29: to v. 12.
12 ———	24: to v. 28.	28: to v. 44.	12: v. 22.	29: v. 13.
13 ———	24: v. 29.	28: v. 45.	13: to v. 23.	30: to v. 18.
14 ———	25: to v. 13.	29.	13: v. 24–43.	30: v. 19.
15 ———	25: v. 14–30.	30.	13: v. 44.	31.
16 ———	25: v. 31.	31.	14: to v. 21.	32: to v. 16.
17 ———	26: v. 6–13.	32.	14: v. 22.	32: v. 17.
18 ———	Mark 1: to v. 13.	33.	15: to v. 20.	33: to v. 20.
19 ———	1: v. 14–34.	34.	15: v. 21.	33: v. 21.
20 ———	1: v. 35.	Joshua 1.	16.	34: to v. 19.
21 ———	2: to v. 14.	2.	17.	34: v. 20.
22 ———	2: v. 15.	3.	18: to v. 20.	35.
23 ———	3: to v. 21.	4.	18: v. 21.	36: to v. 15.
24 ———	3: v. 22.	5.	19: to v. 15.	36: v. 16.
25 ———	4: to v. 20.	6.	19: v. 16.	37: to v. 14.
26 ———	4: v. 21.	7.	20.	37: v. 15.
27 ———	5: to v. 20.	8.	21: to v. 22.	38.
28 ———	5: v. 21.	9.	21: v. 23.	39: to v. 16.
29 ———	6: to v. 6.	10.	22: to v. 22.	39: v. 17.
30 ———	6: v. 7–29.	11.	22: v. 23.	40: to v. 19.
31 ———	6: v. 30.	14.	23.	40: v. 20–34.

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FOR

JUNE.

CALENDAR.		LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
			1st Lesson.	2d Lesson.	
1	———	Mark 7:to v.23.	Josh.15:to v.19	Matt 24: to v.28	Ezek.40: v.35.
2	———	7: v. 24.	22.	24: v. 29.	41: to v. 14.
3	———	8: to v. 21.	23.	25: to v. 30.	41: v. 15.
4	———	8: v. 22.	24.	25: v. 31.	42.
5	———	9: to v. 13.	Judges 1.	Luke 10.	43: to v. 12.
6	———	9: v. 14–37.	2.	11: to v. 28.	43: v. 13.
7	———	9: v. 38.	3.	11: v. 29.	44: to v. 16.
8	———	10: to v. 16.	4.	12: to v. 21.	44: v. 17.
9	———	10: v. 17–31.	5.	12: v. 22.	45: to v. 8.
10	———	10: v. 35.	6.	13.	45: v. 9.
11	———	11: to v. 14.	7.	14.	46: to v. 15.
12	———	11: v. 15.	8.	15.	46: v. 16.
13	———	12: to v. 12.	9: to v. 33.	Rev. 1.	47: to v. 12.
14	———	12: v. 13–27.	9: v. 34.	2.	47: v. 13.
15	———	12: v. 28.	10.	3.	48: to v. 14.
16	———	13: to v. 8.	11.	4.	48: v. 15.
17	———	13: v. 9–23.	12.	5.	Dan. 1.
18	———	13: v. 24.	13.	6.	2: to v. 23.
19	*Sending of the Twelve Apost.*	Rev. 11: v. 15.	Dan 7: to v. 14.	Rev.19: to v.16	Is. 45: v. 20.
20	———	Mark 14: v.3–9.	Judges 14.	7.	Dan. 2: v. 24.
21	———	Luke5: to v.15.	15.	8.	3: to v. 18.
22	———	5: v. 16–26.	16.	9.	3: v. 19.
23	———	5: v. 27.	17.	10.	4: to v. 27.
24	*Nativ. of St. John Baptist.*	Luke 1: v.5-24.	Mal. 3.	Matt. 3.	Mal. 4.
25	———	Luke6: to v.19.	Judges 18.	Rev. 11.	Dan. 4: v. 28.
26	———	6: v. 20.	19.	12.	5.
27	———	7: to v. 18.	20.	13.	6: to v. 17.
28	———	7: v. 19–35.	21.	14.	6: v. 18.
29	*St. Peter.*	Luke 8: v. 41.	Ezek 34:to v.14	Matt. 16: v. 13.	7: v. 15.
30	———	7: v. 36.	I Sam. 1.	15.	8: to v. 14.

TABLE OF LESSONS

FOR

JULY.

CALENDAR.	LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
		1ST LESSON.	2D LESSON.	
1 ———	Lu. 8: to v. 21.	I Sam. 2.	Rev. 16.	Dan. 8: v. 15.
2 ———	8: v. 22–40.	3.	17.	9: to v. 19.
3 ———	8: v. 41.	4.	18.	9: v. 20.
4 ———	9: to v. 17.	5.	19.	10: to v. 9.
5 ———	9: v. 18–36.	6.	20.	10: v. 10.
6 ———	9: v. 37–50.	7.	21.	11: to v. 29.
7 ———	9: v. 51.	8.	22.	11: v. 30.
8 ———	Rev. 1: to v. 8.	9.	Matt. 1.	12.
9 ———	1: v. 9.	10.	2.	Hos. 1.
10 ———	2: to v. 7.	11.	3.	2: to v. 13.
11 ———	2: v. 8–11.	12.	4.	2: v. 14.
12 ———	2: v. 12–17.	13.	5: to v. 26.	3.
13 ———	2: v. 18.	14: to v. 23.	5: v. 27.	4.
14 ———	3: to v. 6.	14: v. 24.	6: to v. 18.	5.
15 ———	3: v. 7–13.	15.	6: v. 19.	6.
16 ———	3: v. 14.	16.	7.	7.
17 ———	4.	17: to v. 37.	8: to v. 17.	8.
18 ———	5.	17: v. 38.	8: v. 18.	9.
19 ———	6.	18.	9: to v. 17.	10.
20 ———	7.	19.	9: v. 18.	11.
21 ———	8.	20: to v. 17.	10.	12.
22 ———	9.	20: v. 18.	11.	13.
23 ———	10.	21.	12: to v. 21.	14.
24 ———	11: to v. 14.	22.	12: v. 22.	Joel 1.
25 *St. James.*	Matt. 17: to v. 8.	23.	Matt. 20: v. 20.	2: to v. 11.
26 ———	Rev. 11: v. 15.	24.	13: to v. 23.	2: v. 12–20.
27 ———	12.	25.	13: v. 24–43.	2: v. 21.
28 ———	13.	26.	13: v. 44.	3: to v. 8.
29 ———	14: to v. 12.	27.	14: to v. 21.	3: v. 9–17.
30 ———	14: v. 13.	28.	14: v. 22.	3: v. 18.
31 ———	15.	29.	15: to v. 20.	Amos. 1.

TABLE OF LESSONS

FOR

AUGUST.

CALENDAR.	LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
		1st Lesson.	2d Lesson.	
1 ———	Rev. 16.	I Sam. 30.	Matt. 15: v. 21.	Amos 2.
2 ———	17.	31.	16.	3.
3 ———	18.	II Sam. 1.	17.	4.
4 ———	19: to v. 10.	2.	18: to v. 20.	5: to v. 10.
5 ———	19: v. 11.	3.	18: v. 21.	5: v. 11.
6 ———	20.	4.	19.	6.
7 ———	21: to v. 8.	5.	20.	7.
8 ———	21: v. 9.	6.	21: to v. 22.	8.
9 ———	22: to v. 12.	7.	21: v. 23.	9: to v. 10.
10 ———	22: v. 13.	8.	22: to v. 22.	9: v. 11.
11 ———	John 1: to v. 34.	9.	22: v. 23.	Obediah.
12 ———	1: v. 35.	10.	23.	Jonah 1.
13 ———	2: to v. 11.	11.	24: to v. 28.	2.
14 ———	2: v. 12.	12.	24: v. 29.	3.
15 ———	3: to v. 21.	14.	25: to v. 30.	4.
16 ———	3: v. 22.	15.	25: v. 31.	Micah 1.
17 ———	4: to v. 30.	16.	26: to v. 25.	2.
18 ———	4: v. 31–42.	17.	26: v. 26–56.	3.
19 ———	4: v. 43.	18.	26: v. 57.	4.
20 ———	5: to v. 16.	19.	27: to v. 25.	5.
21 ———	5: v. 17.	20.	27: v. 26–49.	6.
22 ———	6: to v. 21.	21.	27: v. 50.	7.
23 ———	6: v. 22–51.	22.	28.	Nahum 1.
24 *St. Barthol.*	Lu. 6: v. 13–38.	23.	Matt. 10.	2.
25 ———	John 6: v. 52.	24.	Mark. 1.	3.
26 ———	7: to v. 13.	I Kgs. 1: to v. 31	2.	Habak. 1.
27 ———	7: v. 14–31.	1: v. 32	3.	2: to v. 11.
28 ———	7: v. 32.	2.	4: to v. 20.	2: v. 12.
29 ———	8: to v. 11.	3.	4: v. 21.	3.
30 ———	8: v. 12–32.	4: v. 20.	5: to v. 20.	Zeph. 1: to v. 8.
31 ———	8: v. 33.	5.	5: v. 21.	1: v. 9.

TABLE OF LESSONS

FOR

SEPTEMBER.

CALENDAR.	LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
		1st Lesson.	2d Lesson.	
1 ———	John 9.	I Kings 6.	Mark 6: to v.29	Zeph. 2.
2 ———	10: to v. 21.	7: to v. 26.	6: v. 30.	3: to v. 13.
3 ———	10: v. 22.	7: v. 27.	7.	3: v. 14.
4 ———	11: to v. 46.	8: to v. 21.	8: to v. 21.	Haggai 1.
5 ———	11: v. 47.	8: v. 22.	8: v. 22.	2: to v. 9.
6 ———	12: to v. 11.	9.	9: to v. 29.	2: v. 10.
7 ———	12: v. 12–36.	10.	9: v. 30.	Zech. 1: to v. 11.
8 ———	12: v. 37.	11.	10: to v. 27.	1: v. 12.
9 ———	13: to v. 17.	12.	10: v. 28.	2.
10 ———	13: v. 18.	13.	11.	3.
11 ———	14: to v. 14.	14.	12: to v. 27.	4.
12 ———	14: v. 15.	15.	12: v. 28.	5.
13 ———	15.	16.	13.	6.
14 ———	16: to v. 11.	17.	14: to v. 25.	7.
15 ———	16: v. 12.	18.	14: v. 26–52.	8: to v. 15.
16 ———	17.	19.	14: v. 53.	8: v. 16.
17 ———	18: to v. 14.	20.	15.	9.
18 ———	18: v. 15–27.	21.	16.	10.
19 ———	18: v. 28.	22.	Luke 1: to v. 25.	11.
20 ———	19: to v. 22.	II Kings 1.	1: v. 26–56.	12.
21 *St. Matthew.*	Mark 3: v. 13.	2.	Matt. 9: v. 9.	13.
22 ———	John 19: v. 23.	3.	Luke 1: v. 57.	14: to v. 11.
23 ———	20: to v. 18.	4.	2: to v. 20.	14: v. 12.
24 ———	20: v. 19.	5.	2: v. 21.	Mal. 1.
25 ———	21: to v. 14.	6.	3: to v. 23.	2: to v. 10.
26 ———	21: v. 15.	7.	4.	2: v. 11.
27 ———	Matt. 1: v. 18.	8.	5.	3: to v. 6.
28 ———	2.	9.	6: to v. 26.	3: v. 7.
29 ———	3.	10.	6: v. 27.	4.
30 ———	4: to v. 11.	11.	7: to v. 23.	Gen. 11: to v. 9.

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FOR

OCTOBER.

CALENDAR.	LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
		1st Lesson.	2d Lesson.	
1 ———	Matt. 4: v. 12.	II Kings 12.	Luke 7: v. 24.	Gen. 12.
2 ———	5: to v. 16.	13.	8: to v. 21.	13.
3 ———	5: v. 17–26.	14.	8: v. 22.	14.
4 ———	5: v. 27–37.	15.	9: to v. 27.	15.
5 ———	5: v. 38.	16.	9: v. 28.	18.
6 ———	6: to v. 18.	17.	10.	22.
7 ———	6: v. 19.	18.	11: to v. 28.	24: to v. 9.
8 ———	7: to v. 12.	19.	11: v. 29.	24: v. 10–31.
9 ———	7: v. 13.	20.	12: to v. 21.	24: v. 32–60.
10 ———	8: to v. 13.	21.	12: v. 22.	24: v. 61.
11 ———	8: v. 14–27.	22.	13.	28.
12 ———	8: v. 28.	23.	14.	37: to v. 22.
13 ———	9: to v. 13.	24.	15.	37: v. 23.
14 ———	9: v. 14–26.	25.	16.	40.
15 ———	9: v. 27.	Ezek. 1.	17.	41: to v. 36.
16 ———	10: to v. 15.	Dan. 5.	18.	41: v. 37.
17 ———	10: v. 16–33.	6.	19: to v. 27.	42: to v. 24.
18 *St. Luke.*	Lu. 1: to v. 20.	Hosea 14.	Luke 10.	42: v. 25.
19 ———	Matt. 10: v. 34.	Joel 3.	19: v. 28.	43: to v. 14.
20 ———	11: to v. 19.	Amos 9.	20.	43: v. 15.
21 ———	11: v. 20.	Jonah 1.	21.	44: to v. 17.
22 ———	12: to v. 13.	2.	22: to v. 30.	44: v. 18.
23 ———	12: v. 14–37.	3.	22: v. 31.	45: to v. 15.
24 ———	12: v. 38.	4.	23: to v. 26.	45: v. 16.
25 ———	13: to v. 17.	Micah 4.	23: v. 27.	46: to v. 7.
26 ———	13: v. 18–30.	7.	24: to v. 32.	46: v. 26.
27 ———	13: v. 31–43.	Nahum 1.	24: v. 33.	47: to v. 10.
28 *St. Simon & St. Jude.*	Lu. 6: v. 13–38.	Habak. 3.	Luke 9: to v. 27.	47: v. 11–31.
29 ———	Matt. 13: v. 44.	Zeph. 3.	John 1: to v. 28.	48: to v. 14.
30 ———	14: to v. 21.	Zech. 2.	1; v. 29.	48: v. 15.
31 ———	14: v. 22.	3.	2.	49.

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FOR

NOVEMBER.

CALENDAR.	LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
		1st Lesson.	2d Lesson.	
1 *All Saints.*	Matt. 25.	Deut. 33.	Rev. 7.	Isaiah 35.
2 ———	15: to v. 20.	Mal. 3.	John 3.	Gen.50: to v.13.
3 ———	15: v. 21.	4.	4: to v. 30.	50: v. 14.
4 ———	16: to v. 12.	Isaiah 2.	4: v. 31.	Ex. 1: v. 7–22.
5 ———	16: v. 13.	3.	5.	2: to v. 10.
6 ———	17: to v. 13.	4.	6: to v. 40.	2: v. 11.
7 ———	17: v. 14.	5.	6: v. 41.	3.
8 ———	18: to v. 20.	6.	7: to v. 31.	4: to v. 20.
9 ———	18: v. 21.	7.	7: v. 32.	5.
10 ———	19: to v. 12.	8.	8: to v. 30.	6: to v. 13.
11 ———	19: v. 13.	9.	9.	7: to v. 13.
12 ———	20: to v. 16.	10.	10.	7: v. 14.
13 ———	20: v. 17.	12.	11.	15: to v. 19.
14 ———	21: to v. 11.	13.	12: to v. 19.	16: to v. 15.
15 ———	21: v. 12–32.	14.	12: v. 20.	17: to v. 16.
16 ———	21: v. 33.	15.	13.	19: to v. 9.
17 ———	22: to v. 14.	16.	14.	19: v. 10.
18 ———	22: v. 15–33.	17.	15.	24.
19 ———	22: v. 34.	18.	16.	31.
20 ———	24: to v. 28.	19.	17.	34: to v. 10.
21 ———	24: v. 29.	20.	18.	Num. 21: to v.9
22 ———	25: to v. 13.	21.	19: to v. 22.	23: to v. 13.
23 ———	25: v. 14–30.	22.	19: v. 23.	23: v. 14.
24 ———	25: v. 31.	23.	20.	24: to v. 9.
25 ———	26: v. 6–13.	24.	21.	Josh.24: v14-28
26 ———	26: v. 14–35.	27.	Matt. 4.	Judg.2: to v.13.
27 ———	26: v. 36–56.	28.	5: to v. 26.	I Sam.3:to v.18
28 ———	26: v. 57.	29.	5: v. 27.	II Sam7:v18-29
29 ———	27: to v. 23.	30.	6: to v. 18.	I Kings3:v5–15
30 *St. Andrew.*	John 1: v. 35	31.	John 15.	18: v. 21–40.

TABLE OF LESSONS

FOR

DECEMBER.

CALENDAR.		LAUDS.	MATINS.		COMPLIN.
			1ST LESSON.	2D LESSON.	
1	———	Mat.27: v.24–38	Isaiah 32.	Matt.6: v. 19.	Lam. 1: to v.11.
2	———	27 : v. 39.	33.	7.	1 : v. 12.
3	———	28.	34.	8.	2.
4	———	Mark 2.	35.	Rev. 1.	3 : to v. 36.
5	———	4 : to v. 25.	36.	2.	3 : v. 37.
6	———	4 : v. 26.	37.	3.	4 : to v. 12.
7	———	5 : to v. 20.	38 : to v. 8.	4.	4 : v. 13.
8	———	5 : v. 21.	39.	5.	5.
9	———	10 : to v. 16.	40.	6.	Dan. 1.
10	———	10 : v. 17–31.	41.	7.	2 : to v. 23.
11	———	10 : v. 32.	42.	8.	2 : v. 24.
12	———	11 : v. 12.	43.	9.	3.
13	———	12 : to v. 12.	44.	10.	4 : to v. 27.
14	———	12 : v. 13–27.	45.	11.	4 : v. 28.
15	———	12 : v. 28.	46.	12.	5.
16	———	14 : to v. 9.	47.	13.	6 : to v. 17.
17	———	14 : v. 10–25.	48.	14.	6 : v. 18.
18	———	14 : v. 26–42.	49.	15.	7 : to v. 14.
19	———	14 : v. 43.	50.	16.	7 : v. 15.
20	———	15.	52 : to v. 12.	17.	8 : to v. 14.
21	*St. Thomas.*	John14: to v.14.	55.	John 20: v.19.	8 : v. 15.
22	———	Mk. 13: to v.13.	56.	Rev. 18.	9 : to v. 19.
23	———	13 : v. 14.	57.	19.	9 : v. 20.
24	———	Lu. 12: v.35–40.	Is. 51.	Mk. 12: to v.11.	Is. 11.
25	*Christmas.*	Mat.1: v.18–25.	Is. 9 : to v. 8.	Luk. 2: to v.20.	Is. 7: v. 10–16.
26	*St. Stephen.*	Rev. 5.	59.	Matt. 23: v. 34.	Dan. 10.
27	*St. John Evan*	Rev. 22.	61.	John 21: v. 15.	11 : to v. 29.
28	*Innocents.*	Rev. 14: to v. 5.	62.	Matt. 2: v. 11.	11 : v. 30.
29	———	Lu. 12: v.22–48.	64.	Rev. 20.	12.
30	———	17 : v. 20.	65.	21.	Mal. 3.
31	———	21 : v. 5–36.	66.	22.	4.

The Litany,

OR

GENERAL SUPPLICATION.

¶ *To be used in any of the daily Offices immediately after the Collects: or else as a separate Office after a proper Hymn and one or more of the Seven Penitential Psalms here following. It may also be followed by a Sermon.*

The Seven Penitential Psalms.

Antiphon.—Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses, for they have been ever of old.

Ps. 6. O Lord, rebuke me not, &c.
Ps. 32. Blessed is he, &c.
Ps. 38. O Lord, rebuke me not, &c.
Ps. 51. Have mercy upon me, &c.
Ps. 102. Hear my prayer, O Lord, &c.
Ps. 130. Out of the depths, &c.
Ps. 143. Hear my prayer, O Lord, &c.

Antiphon.—Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses, for they have been ever of old: remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions; according to thy mercy remember thou us, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

The Litany.

Holy Lord God, Father in heaven,
Have mercy upon us.

Holy Lord God, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us

Holy Lord God, Spirit of Truth and Comforter,
Have mercy upon us.

O, ONE ONLY ADORABLE LORD, GOD, and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, in whom dwelleth bodily all the fulness of the Godhead, *Have mercy upon us.*

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses, for they have been ever of old: remember not the sins of our youth nor our transgressions; according to thy mercy remember thou us, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord: *Remember us, good Lord.*

From all idolatry, profanation and blasphemy: from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From ingratitude; from a perverse and rebellious spirit; from presumption, despair, and idle doubts, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all impurity and deadly sin; from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil. *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From slander, lying, and deceit; from covetousness; from the spirit of murmuring and discontent, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from wicked thoughts and vain imaginings; from final impenitence, and from everlasting death, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thy second Advent, in the power and great glory of thy Word to make all things new in heaven and in earth, and to restore mankind to thy true worship and service, *Good Lord, deliver us*

In all the time of our tribulation; in all the time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please thee to save and govern continually thy holy Church universal; *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illuminate all ministers of thy Church with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and shew it accordingly;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all Christian rulers, giving them grace to execute justice and to maintain truth; *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up them that fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Hear us and help us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

OUR Father who art in the heavens, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done as in heaven so also upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

V.—Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts:

R.—And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

V.—Arise, O Lord, and help us:

R.—And deliver us, and purge away our sins for thy name's sake.

Let us pray.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to naught; and that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church. *R.*—Amen.

V.—To Jesus Christ, the Lord, be glory and dominion: forever and ever. Amen.

R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last: who is and who was, and who is to come—the Almighty.

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn, Sequence, or Anthem suited to the occasion.*

V.—O Lord, save thy servants:
R.—Who put their trust in thee.
V.—Be to us a tower of strength:
R.—In the presence of the enemy
V.—O Lord, hear my prayer:
R.—And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and graciously deliver us from all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles and adversities we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living: to thy honor and glory, O Jesus Christ, our Lord, who livest and reignest—the only God of heaven and earth, world without end. *R.*—Amen.

¶ *Here may be said the General Thanksgiving, or other Prayers suited to the occasion.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *R.*—Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *R.*—Amen.

Here endeth the Litany.

THE PSALTER.

The First Day. Matins.

PSALM 1.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners: nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditate day and night

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in season: his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2.

WHY do the heathen rage: and the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together: against the Lord, and against his Anointed, saying,

3 Let us break their bands asunder: and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath: and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my King: upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree, the Lord hath said unto me: Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance: and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron: thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear: and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled

but a little: Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

PSALM 3.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me: many are they that rise up against me.

2 Many there be which say of my soul: There is no help for him in God.

3 But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me: my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4 I cried unto the Lord with my voice: and he heard me out of his holy hill.

5 I laid me down and slept: I awaked, for the Lord sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people: that have set themselves against me round about.

7 Arise, O Lord, save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone, thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people.

PSALM 4.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress, have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame: how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing?

3 But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There be many that say, Who will shew us any good: Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart: more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

8 I will both lay me down in peace and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord: consider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine

enemies: make thy way straight before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth, their inward part is very wickedness: their throat is an open sepulchre, they flatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy thou them, O God, let them fall by their own counsels: cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice, let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

12 For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous: with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

The First Day. Vespers.

PSALM 6.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O Lord, how long?

4 Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning: all the night make I my bed to swim, I water my couch with my tears.

7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief: it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my supplication: the Lord will receive my prayer.

10. Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 7.

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces: while there is none to deliver.

3 O Lord my God, if I have done this: if there be iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me: (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy;)

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it: yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honor in the dust.

6 Arise, O Lord, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.

7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.

8 The Lord shall judge the

people, judge me, O Lord: according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

10 My defence is of God: which saveth the upright in heart.

11 God judgeth the righteous: and God is angry with the wicked every day.

12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword: he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death: he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity: and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

15 He made a pit, and digged it: and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

16 His mischief shall return upon his own head: and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.

PSALM 8.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth: who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thy enemies: that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers: the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him: and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels: and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea: and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord our Lord: how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

The Second Day. Matins.

PSALM 9.

I WILL praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

3 When mine enemies are turned back: they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause: thou satest in the throne judging right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed

the wicked: thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities, their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the Lord shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness: he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed: a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me: thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The Lord is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell: and all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Arise, O Lord, let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O Lord: that the nations may know themselves to be but men.

PSALM 10.

WHY standest thou afar off, O Lord: why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire: and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous, thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent, his eyes are privily set against the poor.

9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den, he lieth in

wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 He croucheth, and humbleth himself: that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face, he will never see it.

12 Arise, O Lord, O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God: he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

14 Thou hast seen it, for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee, thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none.

16 The Lord is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed: that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

PSALM 11.

IN the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string: that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed: what can the righteous do?

4 The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

5 The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: his countenance doth behold the upright.

The Second Day. Vespers.

PSALM 12.

HELP, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth: for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbor: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

3 The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips: and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail: our lips are our own, who is lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord: I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

6 The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord: thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side: when the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM 13.

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever: how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily: how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

6 I will sing unto the Lord: because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14.

THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God: They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

2 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men: to see if there were any that did understand and seek God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge: who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the Lord.

5 There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor: because the Lord is his refuge.

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion: when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

The Third Day. Matins.

PSALM 15.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness: and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor: nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned, but he honoreth them that fear the Lord: He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent: He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

PSALM 16.

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my

Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;

3 But to the saints that are in the earth: and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

5 The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: yea, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

8 I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell: neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM 17.

HEAR the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry: give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence: let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart, thou hast visited me in the night, thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing: I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips: I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths: that my footsteps slip not.

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me and hear my speech.

7 Shew thy marvellous lov ingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee: from those that rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of the eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

9 From the wicked that oppress me: from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.

10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey: and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O Lord, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:

14 From men which are thy hand, O Lord, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly

thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

The Third Day. Vespers.

PSALM 18.

I WILL love thee: O Lord, my strength.

2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust: my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

3 I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 The sorrows of death compassed me: and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled: the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind

11 He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed: hail stones and coals of fire.

13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice: hail stones and coals of fire.

14 Yea, he sent out his arrows and scattered them: and he shot out lightnings and discomfited them.

15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O Lord: at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me: he drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay.

19 He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord: and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all his judgments were before me: and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright before him: and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful: with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure: with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people: but wilt bring down high looks.

28 For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

29 For by thee I have run through a troop: and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

30 As for God, his way is perfect, the way of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

31 For who is God save the Lord: or who is a rock save our God?

32 It is God that girdeth me with strength: and maketh my way perfect.

33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

34 He teacheth my hands to war: so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me: that my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies: that I might destroy them that hate me.

41 They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the Lord, but he answered them not.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people, and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

45 The strangers shall fade away: and be afraid out of their close places.

46 The Lord liveth, and blessed be my Rock: and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 It is God that avengeth

me: and subdueth the people under me.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies, yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen: and sing praises unto thy name.

50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

The Fourth Day. Matins.

PSALM 19.

THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech: and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language: where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world: in them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber: and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors: cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins, let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart: be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

PSALM 20.

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Zion;

3 Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart: and fulfill all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfill all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed: he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, Lord: let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM 21.

THE king shall joy in thy strength, O Lord: and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not withholden the request of his lips.

3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him: even length of days for ever and ever.

5 His glory is great in thy salvation: honor and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the Lord: and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth: and their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.

12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back: when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

The Fourth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 22.

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me: why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not: and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But thou art holy: O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But I am a worm, and no man: a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh

me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

8 He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing that he delighted in him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near: for there is none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

13 They gaped upon me with their mouths: as a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax, it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws: and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me, the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

18 They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 Ye that fear the Lord, praise him: all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him, and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted: neither hath he hid his face from him, but when he cried unto him, he heard.

25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him, your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations.

29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him, and none can keep alive his own soul.

30 A seed shall serve him: it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness: unto

a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

PSALM 23.

THE Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Fifth Day. Matins.

PSALM 24.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him: that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory: the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

PSALM 25.

UNTO thee, O Lord: do I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

4 Shew me thy ways, O Lord: teach me thy paths.

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation, on thee do I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

8 Good and upright is the

Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth: unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For thy name's sake, O Lord: pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.

12 What man is he that feareth the Lord: him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease: and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him: and he will shew them his covenant.

15 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many: and they hate me with cruel hatred.

20 O keep my soul and deliver me: let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me: for I wait on thee.

22 Redeem Israel, O God: out of all his troubles.

PSALM 26.

JUDGE me, O Lord, for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord, therefore I shall not slide.

2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: try my reins and my heart.

3 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

4 I have not sat with vain persons: neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers: and will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord:

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving: and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house: and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

9 Gather not my soul with sinners: nor my life with bloody men:

10 In whose hands is mischief: and their right hand is full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

The Fifth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 27.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear:

the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me, he shall set me upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy, I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face: my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

9 Hide not thy face far from me, put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me: then the Lord will take me up.

11 Teach me thy way, O Lord: and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14 Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

PSALM 28.

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord my rock, be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee: when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity: which speak peace to their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors: give them after the work of their hands, render to them their desert.

5 Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands: he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6 Blessed be the Lord: because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7 The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: there-

fore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise him.

8 The Lord is their strength: and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

PSALM 29.

GIVE unto the Lord, O ye mighty: give unto the Lord glory and strength.

2 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth, the Lord is upon many waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is powerful: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars: yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the Lord: divideth the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

10 The Lord sitteth upon the flood: yea, the Lord sitteth King for ever.

11 The Lord will give strength unto his people: the Lord will bless his people with peace.

The Sixth Day. Matins.

PSALM 30.

I WILL extol thee, O Lord, for thou hast lifted me up: and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee: and thou hast healed me.

3 O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his: and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his anger endureth but a moment, in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said: I shall never be moved.

7 Lord, by thy favor thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O Lord: and unto the Lord I made supplication.

9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit: shall the dust praise thee, shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing;

thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent: O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSALM 31.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed, deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me, deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for a house of defense to save me.

3 For thou art my rock and my fortress: therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the Lord.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble, thou hast known my soul in adversities;

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth, because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbors, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the slander of many, fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

14 But I trusted in thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God.

15 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

17 Let me not be ashamed, O Lord, for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence: which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee: which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the Lord: for he hath showed me his marvel-

lous kindness in a strong city.

22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

23 O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart: all ye that hope in the Lord.

The Sixth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 32.

BLESSED is ne whose transgression is forgiven: whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 When I kept silence: my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou art my hiding place, thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

PSALM 33.

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song: play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the Lord is right: and all his works are done in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to naught: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever: the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The Lord looketh from heaven: he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation: he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike: he considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him: upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death: and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him: because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us: according as we hope in thee.

PSALM 34.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the Lord with me: and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me: and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him: and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 What man is he that desireth life: and loveth many days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil and do good: seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous: and his ears are open unto their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against them that do evil: to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart: and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

The Seventh Day. Matins.

PSALM 35.

PLEAD my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler: and stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.

7 For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit: which without cause they have digged for my soul.

8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares, and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee: which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

11 False witnesses did rise up: they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good: to the spoiling of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting, and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not, they did tear me, and ceased not.

16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts: they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on: rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said: Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

22 This hast thou seen, O Lord, keep not silence: O Lord be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment: even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness: and let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that magnify themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness: and of thy praise all the day long.

PSALM 36.

THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart: that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes: until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed, he setteth himself in a way that is not good: he abhorreth not evil.

5 Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens: and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains, thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God: therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house: and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee: and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me: and let not

the hand of the wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

The Seventh Day. Vespers.

PSALM 37.

FRET not thyself because of evil doers: neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass: and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the Lord and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light: and thy judgment as the noonday.

7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9 For evil doers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

11. But the meek shall inherit the earth: and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plotteth against the just: and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy: and to slay such as be of upright conversation.

15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart: and their bows shall be broken.

16 A little that a righteous man hath: is better than the riches of many wicked.

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

18 The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth: and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a good man

are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old: yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth: and his seed is blessed.

27 Depart from evil and do good: and dwell for evermore.

28 For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints: they are preserved for ever, but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land: and dwell therein for ever.

30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom: and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31 The law of his God is in his heart: none of his steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous: and seeketh to slay him.

33 The Lord will not leave him in his hand: nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

35 I have seen the wicked in great power: and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

36 Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

The Eighth Day. Matins.

PSALM 38.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me: and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger: neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink and are corrupt: because of my foolishness.

6 I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly: I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before

thee: and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore: and my kinsmen stand afar off.

12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not: and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not: and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in thee, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

17 For I am ready to halt: and my sorrow is continually before me.

18 For I will declare mine iniquity: I will be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries: because I follow the thing that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me.

22 Make haste to help me: O Lord my salvation.

PSALM 39.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good: and my sorrow was stirred.

3 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue,

4 Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days as a hand-breadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily, every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

6 Surely every man walketh in a vain shew, surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

7 And now, Lord, what wait I for: my hope is in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth: because thou didst it.

10 Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry, hold not thy peace at my tears: for

I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

13 O spare me, that I may recover strength: before I go hence, and be no more.

PSALM 40.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord: and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay: and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust: and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to usward: they can not be reckoned up in order unto thee, if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire, mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart, I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about, mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up: they are more than the hairs of mine head, therefore my heart faileth me.

13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it: let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame: that say unto me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

17 But I am poor and needy, yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer, make no tarrying, O my God.

The Eighth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 41.

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

2 The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me: When shall he die, and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity, his heart gathereth iniquity to itself: when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted: which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

10 But thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me: and raise me up, that I may requite them.

11 By this I know that thou favorest me: because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity: and settest me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting: Amen and Amen.

PSALM 42.

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks: so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night: while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted in me: hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime: and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me: why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach

me: while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me: hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 43.

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength, why dost thou cast me off: why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me: let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me: hope in God, for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

The Ninth Day. Matins.

PSALM 44.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us: what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them: how thou didst afflict the people and cast them out.

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favor unto them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow: neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies: and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long: and praise thy name for ever.

9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame: and goest not forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat: and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought: and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbors: a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen: a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion is continu-

ally before me: and the shame of my face hath covered me,

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth: by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this is come upon us, yet have we not forgotten thee: neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back: neither have our steps declined from thy way;

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons: and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God: or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 Shall not God search this out: for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long: we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord: arise, cast us not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face: and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise for our help: and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM 45.

MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King, my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips, therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty: with thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness: and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies: whereby the people fall under thee.

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia: out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters were among thy honorable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear: forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

13 The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto

the King in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children: whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM 46.

GOD is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed: and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled: though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord: what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth: he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder, he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The Ninth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 47.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

2 For the Lord most high is terrible: he is a great King over all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose our inheritance for us: the excellency of Jacob whom he loved.

5 God is gone up with a shout: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God, he is greatly exalted.

PSALM 48.

GREAT is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion: on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3 God is known in her palaces: for a refuge.

4 For, lo, the kings were assembled: they passed by together.

5 They saw it, and so they marvelled: they were troubled, and hasted away.

6 Fear took hold upon them there: and pain, as of a woman in travail.

7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish: with an east wind.

8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

9 We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad: because of thy judgments.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces: that ye may tell it to the generation following.

14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

PSALM 49.

HEAR this, all ye people: give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

2 Both low and high: rich and poor, together.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom: and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil: when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

6 They that trust in their wealth: and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother: nor give to God a ransom for him:

8 For the redemption of their soul is precious: and it ceaseth for ever:

9 That he should still live for ever: and not see corruption.

10 For he seeth that wise men die: likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling-places to all generations: they call their lands after their own names.

12 Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

13 This their way is their

folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings.

14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave, death shall feed on them: and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich: when the glory of his house is increased;

17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself,

19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers: they shall never see light.

20 Man that is in honor, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

The Tenth Day. Matins.

PSALM 50.

THE mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken: and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty: God hath shined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house: nor he goats out of thy folds:

10 For every beast of the forest is mine: and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls: or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving: and pay thy vows unto the Most High:

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction: and castest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief

then thou consentedst with him: and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil: and thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother: thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence, thou thoughtest that I was altogether such a one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God: lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

PSALM 51.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity: and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins: and blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then

shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM 52.

WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man: the goodness of God endureth continually.

2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs: like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good: and lying rather than to speak righteousness.

4 Thou lovest all devouring words: O thou deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever: he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwellingplace, and root thee out of the land of the living.

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear: and shall laugh at him:

7 Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength: but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name, for it is good before thy saints.

The Tenth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 53.

THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God: Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity, there is none that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men: to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back, they are altogether become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge: who eat up my people as they eat bread, they have not called upon God.

5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee, thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion: When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad

PSALM 54.

SAVE me, O God, by thy name: and judge me by thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God: give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them.

4 Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

PSALM 55.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God: and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me: and horror hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove: for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I wander far off: and remain in the wilderness.

8 I would hasten my escape: from the windy storm and tempest.

9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But it was thou, a man mine equal: my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14 We took sweet counsel together: and walked unto the house of God in company.

15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God: and the Lord shall save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old: Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.

22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half

their days: but I will trust in thee.

The Eleventh Day. Matins.

PSALM 56.

BE merciful unto me, O God, for man would swallow me up: he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most High.

3 What time I am afraid: I will trust in thee.

4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust: I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves: they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity: in thine anger cast down the people, O God.

8 Thou tellest my wanderings, put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know, for God is for me.

10 In God will I praise his word: in the Lord will I praise his word.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM 57.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto God most high: unto God that performeth all things for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up: God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul is among lions, and I lie even among them that are set on fire: even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps, my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves.

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake up, my glory, awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy is great

unto the heavens: and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

PSALM 58.

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation: do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness: ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;

5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers: charming never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Lord.

7 Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

8 As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away: like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns: he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily, there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

The Eleventh Day. Vespers.

PSALM 59.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity: and save me from bloody men.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul, the mighty are gathered against me: not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord.

4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.

5 Thou, therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors.

6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth, swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear?

8 But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them: thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defense.

10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my

people forget: scatter them by thy power, and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth.

14 And at evening let them return: and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15 Let them wander up and down for meat: and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power, yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defense, and the God of my mercy.

PSALM 60.

O GOD, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased: O turn thyself to us again.

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble: thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof, for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee: that it may be displayed because of the truth.

5 That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine: Ephraim also is the strength of mine head, Judah is my lawgiver;

8 Moab is my washpot, over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me into the strong city: who will lead me into Edom?

10 Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off: and thou, O God, which didst not go out without armies?

11 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 61.

HEAR my cry, O God: attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

6 Thou wilt prolong the

king's life: and his years as many generations.

7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever: that I may daily perform my vows.

The Twelfth Day. Matins.

PSALM 62.

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man: ye shall be slain all of you, as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies, they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense, I shall not be moved.

7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times, ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God hath spoken once, twice have I heard this: that power belongeth unto God.

12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

PSALM 63.

O GOD, thou art my God early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

2 To see thy power and thy glory: so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life: my lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness: and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

6 When I remember thee upon my bed: and meditate on thee in the night watches.

7 Because thou hast been my help: therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those that seek my soul, to destroy it: shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 They shall fall by the

sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God, every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 64.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked: from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 Who whet their tongue like a sword: and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:

4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily, they say, Who shall see them?

6 They search out iniquities, they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow: suddenly shall they be wounded.

8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God: for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the Lord and shall trust in him: and all the upright in heart shall glory.

The Twelfth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 65.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

2 O thou that hearest prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation: who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains: being girded with power:

7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas: the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it, thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly, thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers, thou blessest the springing thereof.

11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy paths drop fatness.

12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks, the valleys also are covered over with corn: they shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM 66.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God: all ye lands:

2 Sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious.

3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works: through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee: they shall sing to thy name.

5 Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

6 He turned the sea into dry land, they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

7 He ruleth by his power for ever, his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

8 O bless our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

9 Which holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net: thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads, we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,

14 Which my lips have uttered: and my mouth hath spoken when I was in trouble.

15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks with goats.

16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God: and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

17 I cried unto him with my mouth: and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart: the Lord will not hear me:

19 But verily God hath heard me: he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer: nor his mercy from me.

PSALM 67.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us;

2 That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth yield her increase: and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us: and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

The Thirteenth Day. Matins.

PSALM 68.

LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad, let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows: is God in his holy habitation.

6 God setteth the solitary in families, he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people: when thou didst march through the wilderness;

8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain: whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

12 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lain among the pots: yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it: it was white as snow in Salmon.

15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan: a high hill as the hill of Bashan.

16 Why weep ye, ye high hills: this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in, yea, the Lord will dwell in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men, yea, for the rebell-

ious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits: even the God of our salvation.

20 He that is our God is the God of salvation: and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies: and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan: I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea:

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies: and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

24 They have seen thy goings, O God: even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after: among them were the damsels, playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations: even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler: the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem: shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt: Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord;

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old: lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

The Thirteenth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 69.

SAVE me, O God: for the waters are come in unto my soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary of my crying, my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty, then I restored that which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness: and my sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach: shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren: and an alien unto my mother's children.

9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up: and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting: that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment: and I became a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me: and I was the song of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up: and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O Lord, for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant: for I am in trouble, hear me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor: mine adversaries are all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat: and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.

23 Let their eyes be darkened that they see not: and make their loins continually to shake.

24 Pour out thine indignation upon them: and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 Let their habitation be desolate: and let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten: and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living: and

not be written with the righteous.

29 But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song: and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

31 This also shall please the Lord: better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

33 For the Lord heareth the poor: and despiseth not his prisoners.

34 Let the heaven and earth praise him: the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSALM 70.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame: that say, Aha, aha.

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

5 But I am poor and needy, make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer, O Lord, make no tarrying.

The Fourteenth Day. Matins.

PSALM 71.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandments to save me, for thou art my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked: out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb, thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

7 I am as a wonder unto many: but thou art my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise: and with thy honor all the day.

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age: forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me: and they that lay

wait for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him, persecute and take him: for there is none to deliver him.

12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul: let them be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually: and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day: for I know not the numbers thereof.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not: until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

20 Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again: and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness: and comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee: and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

PSALM 72.

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness: and thy poor with judgment.

3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people: and the little hills, by righteousness.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people: he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure: throughout all generations.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish: and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea: and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him: and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

12 For he shall deliver the needy, when he crieth: the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy: and shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually, and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains: the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon, and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17 His name shall endure for ever, his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him, all nations shall call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel: who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

20 The prayers of David: the son of Jesse are ended.

The Fourteenth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 73.

TRULY God is good to Israel: even to such as are of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone: my steps had well nigh slipped.

3 For I was envious at the foolish: when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

5 They are not in trouble as other men: neither are they plagued like other men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain: violence covereth them as a garment.

7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens: and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

11 And they say, How doth God know: and is there knowledge in the Most High?

12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world: they increase in riches.

13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain: and washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued: and chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak

thus: behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought to know this: it was too painful for me;

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God: then understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment: they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awaketh: so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved: and I was pricked in my reins.

22 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel: and afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee: and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

PSALM 74.

O GOD, why hast thou cast us off for ever: why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old: the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed, this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations: even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations: they set up their ensigns for signs.

5 A man was famous: according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6 But now they break down the carved work thereof: at once with axes and hammers.

7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary: they have defiled by casting down the dwelling-place of thy name to the ground.

8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs, there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach: shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 Why withdrawest thou thy

hand, even thy right hand: pluck it out of thy bosom.

12 For God is my King of old: working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the head of leviathan in pieces: and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers.

16 The day is thine, and the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O Lord: and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

The Fifteenth Day. Matins.

PSALM 75.

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

2 When I shall receive the congregation: I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it.

4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.

6 For promotion cometh neither from the east: nor from the west, nor from the south.

7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

9 But I will declare for ever: I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off: but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM 76.

IN Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel.

2 In Salem also is his tabernacle: and his dwelling-place in Zion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow: the shield, and the sword, and the battle.

4 Thou art more glorious and excellent: than the mountains of prey.

5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob: both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven: the earth feared, and was still,

9 When God arose to judgment: to save all the meek of the earth.

10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

11 Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77.

I CRIED unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice: and he gave ear unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not, my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I can not speak.

5 I have considered the days of old: the years of ancient times.

6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart, and my spirit made diligent search.

7 Will the Lord cast off for ever: and will he be favorable no more?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever: doth his promise fail for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious: hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

10 And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

11 I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work: and talk of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

14 Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people: the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water, the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven, the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters: and thy footsteps are not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock: by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

The Fifteenth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 78.

GIVE ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

3 Which we have heard and known: and our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children: shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born: who should arise and declare them to their children:

7 That they might set their hope in God: and not forget the works of God: but keep his commandments:

8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation: a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

9 The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows: turned back in the day of battle.

10 They kept not the covenant of God: and refused to walk in his law;

11 And forgat his works: and his wonders that he had shewed them.

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers: in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through: and he made the waters to stand as a heap.

14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud: and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness: and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock: and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him: by provoking the Most High in the wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their heart: by asking meat for their lust.

19 Yea, they spake against God: they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and

the streams overflowed: can he give bread also, can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

22 Because they believed not in God: and trusted not in his salvation:

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above: and opened the doors of heaven,

24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat: and had given them of the corn of heaven.

25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust: and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp: round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

30 They were not estranged from their lust: but while their meat was yet in their mouths,

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them: and smote down the chosen men of Israel.

32 For all this they sinned still: and believed not for his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity: and their years in trouble.

34 When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and inquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that God was their Rock: and the high God their Redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth: and they lied unto him with their tongues.

37 For their heart was not right with him: neither were they steadfast in his covenant.

38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh: a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness: and grieve him in the desert!

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God: and limited the Holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not his hand: nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy:

43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt: and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

44 And had turned their rivers into blood: and their floods, that they could not drink.

45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them: and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar: and their labor unto the locust.

47 He destroyed their vines with hail: and their sycamore trees with frost.

48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail: and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, indignation, and trouble: by sending evil angels among them.

50 He made a way to his anger: he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt: the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep: and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary: even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line: and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God: and kept not his testimonies:

57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully, like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places: and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 When God heard this, he was wroth: and greatly abhorred Israel:

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh: the tent which he placed among men;

61 And delivered his strength into captivity: and his glory into the enemy's hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword: and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men: and their maidens were not given to marriage.

64 Their priests fell by the sword: and their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked, as one out of sleep: and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph: and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

68 But chose the tribe of Judah: the mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces: like the earth which he hath established for ever.

70 He chose David also his servant: and took him from the sheepfolds:

71 From following the ewes great with young: he brought him to feed Jacob, his people, and Israel, his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart: and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

The Sixteenth Day. Matins.

PSALM 79.

O GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance: thy holy temple have they defiled, they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven: the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem: and there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbors: a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, Lord, wilt thou be angry for ever: shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee: and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob: and laid waste his dwelling place.

8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee: according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

12 And render unto our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach: wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

PSALM 80.

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock: thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up thy strength, and come and save us.

3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine: and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts: how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears: and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine: and we shall be saved.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou preparedst room before it: and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it: and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea: and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges: so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it: and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted: and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand: upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.

18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine: and we shall be saved.

PSALM 81.

SING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel: the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon: in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

4 For this was a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee: I answered thee in the secret place of thunder; I proved thee at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

9 There shall no strange god be in thee: neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10 I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice: and Israel would none of me.

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me: and Israel had walked in my ways!

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies: and turned my hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

The Sixteenth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 82.

GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty: he judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly: and accept the persons of the wicked?

3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand: they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 I have said Ye are Gods: and all of you are children of the Most High.

7 But ye shall die like men: and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSALM 83.

KEEP not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

2 For lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people: and consulted against thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation: that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites: of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek: the Philistines, with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot.

9 Do unto them as unto the Midianites: as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

10 Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves: the houses of God in possession.

13 O my God, make them like a wheel: as the stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire burneth a wood: and as the flames setteth the mountains on fire;

15 So persecute them with thy tempest: and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 Fill their faces with shame: that they may seek thy name, O Lord.

17 Let them be counfounded and troubled for ever: yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah: art the Most High over all the earth.

PSALM 84.

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles: O Lord of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young: even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are the ways of them.

6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well: the rain also filleth the pools.

7 They go from strength to strength: every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God, our shield: and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand: I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O Lord of hosts: blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM 85.

LORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people: thou hast covered all their sin.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation: and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever: wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, but let them not turn again to folly.

9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good: and our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him: and shall set us in the way of his steps.

The Seventeenth Day. Matins.

PSALM 86.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul, for I am holy: O thou, my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer: and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord: neither are there any works like unto thy works.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord: and shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

13 For great is thy mercy toward me; and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul: and have not set thee before them.

15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious: long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

17 Shew me a token for good, that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM 87.

HIS foundation is in the holy mountains.

2 The Lord loveth the gates of Zion: more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken: of thee, O city of God.

4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the Highest himself shall establish her.

6 The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people: that this man was born there.

7 As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee

PSALM 88.

O LORD God of my salvation: I have cried day and night before thee:

2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength:

5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit: in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me: and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves.

8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me, thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead: shall the dead arise and praise thee?

11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave: or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark: and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord: and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

14 Lord, why castest thou off my soul: why hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me: thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They came round about me daily like water: they compassed me about together.

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me: and mine acquaintance into darkness.

The Seventeenth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 89.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn unto David my servant.

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever: and build up thy throne to all generations.

5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord: who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints: and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

8 O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee: or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain: thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fullness thereof, thou hast founded them.

12 The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

17 For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favor our horn shall be exalted.

18 For the Lord is our defense: and the Holy One of Israel is our King.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy Holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty: I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him:

21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not exact upon him: nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his foes before his face: and plague them that hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also in the sea: and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father: my God, and the Rock of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him my first-born: higher than the kings of the earth.

28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore: and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever: and his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law: and walk not in my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes: and keep not my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgressions with the rod: and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take

from him: nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break: nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness: that I will not lie unto David.

36 His seed shall endure for ever: and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon: and as a faithful witness in heaven.

38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred: thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges: thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbors.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries: thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword: and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast made his glory to cease: and cast his throne down to the ground.

45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame.

46 How long, Lord, wilt thou hide thyself for ever: shall thy wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

48 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death: shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

49 Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses: which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants: how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;

51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O Lord: wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 Blessed be the Lord for evermore: Amen, and Amen.

The Eighteenth Day. Matins.

PSALM 90.

LORD, thou hast been our dwellingplace: in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world: even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past: and as a watch in the night.

5 Thou carriest them away with a flood, they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up: in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by

thine anger: and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee: our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years: yet is their strength labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger: even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

12 So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord, how long: and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us: and the years wherein we have seen evil.

16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants: and thy glory unto their children.

17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM 91.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God, in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler: and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge: even the Most High, thy habitation.

10 There shall no evil befall thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands: lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and

I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him, and honor him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him: and shew him my salvation.

PSALM 92.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:

2 To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning: and thy faithfulness every night,

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery: upon the harp with a solemn sound.

4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 O Lord, how great are thy works: and thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not: neither doth a fool understand this.

7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish: it is that they shall be destroyed for ever.

8 But thou, Lord, art most high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish: all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies: and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the Lord: shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age: they shall be fat and flourishing;

15 To shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

The Eighteenth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 93.

THE Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself, the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

4 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters: yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

PSALM 94.

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth: O God,

to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.

2 Lift up thyself, thou Judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 Lord, how long shall the wicked: how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things: and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O Lord: and afflict thine heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stranger: and murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, The Lord shall not see: neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear: he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct: he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know?

11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man: that they are vanity.

12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord: and teachest him out of thy law;

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity: until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For the Lord will not cast off his people: neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evil doers: or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 Unless the Lord had been my help: my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

18 When I said, My foot slippeth: thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me: thy comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee: which frameth mischief by a law?

21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous: and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the Lord is my defence: and my God is the rock of my refuge.

23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness: yea, the Lord our God shall cut them off.

The Nineteenth Day. Matins.

PSALM 95.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand: to-day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation: and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

9 When your fathers tempted me: proved me, and saw my work.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath: that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM 96.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord all the earth.

2 Sing unto the Lord, bless his name: shew forth his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the heathen: his wonders among all people.

4 For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

6 Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7 Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people: give unto the Lord glory and strength.

8 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved, he shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad: let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13 Before the Lord, for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

PSALM 97.

THE Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

3 A fire goeth before him: and burneth up his enemies round about.

4 His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness: and all the people see his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

8 Zion heard, and was glad: and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord.

9 For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints, he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked

11 Light is sown for the righteous: and gladness for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous: and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

The Nineteenth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 98.

O SING unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

2 The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the Lord with the harp: with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 With trumpets and sound of cornet: make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together

9 Before the Lord, for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

PSALM 99.

THE Lord reigneth, let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubim, let the earth be moved.

2 The Lord is great in Zion: and he is high above all the people.

3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name: for it is holy.

4 The king's strength also loveth judgment: thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the Lord our God: and worship at his footstool, for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name: they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

9 Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill: for the Lord our God is holy.

PSALM 100.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord: all ye lands.

2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the Lord he is God, it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5 For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM 101.

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way, O when wilt thou come unto me: I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside, it shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land: that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

The Twentieth Day. Matins.

PSALM 102.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble: incline thine ear unto me, in the day when I call answer me speedily.

3 For my days are consumed like smoke: and my bones are burned as a hearth.

4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass: so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning: my bones cleave to my skin.

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow: alone upon the housetop.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day: and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread: and mingled my drink with weeping,

10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11 My days are like a shadow that declineth: and I am withered like grass.

12 But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever: and thy remembrance unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones: and favor the dust thereof.

15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the Lord shall build up Zion: he shall appear in his glory.

17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute: and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary: from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner: to loose those that are appointed to death;

21 To declare the name of the Lord in Zion: and his praises in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together: and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

23 He weakened my strength in the way: he shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure, yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment: as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But thou art the same: and thy years shall have no end.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue: and their seed shall be established before thee.

PSALM 103.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The Lord executeth right-

eousness and judgment: for all that are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways unto Moses: his acts unto the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious: slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth: so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west: so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like as a father pitieth his children: so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame: he remembereth that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him: and his righteousness unto children's children;

18 To such as keep his covenant: and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens: and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength: that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

22 Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Twentieth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 104.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, thou art very great, thou art clothed with honor and majesty:

2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot, who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4 Who maketh his angels spirits: his ministers a flaming fire:

5 Who laid the foundations of the earth: that it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At thy rebuke they fled: at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 They go up by the mountains: they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou hast set a bound that

they may not pass over: that they turn not again to cover the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys: which run among the hills.

11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation: which sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth:

15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man: and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

16 The trees of the Lord are full of sap: the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

17 Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats: and the rocks for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

21 The young lions roar after their prey: and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together: and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto his work: and to his labor until the evening.

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is this great and wide sea: wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships, there is that leviathan: whom thou hast made to play therein.

27 These wait all upon thee: that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

28 That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

31 The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34 My meditations of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more: bless

thou the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

The Twenty-First Day. Matins.

PSALM 105.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done: his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant: ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God: his judgments are in all the earth.

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever: the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

9 Which covenant he made with Abraham: and his oath unto Isaac;

10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law: and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan: the lot of your inheritance:

12 When they were but a few men in number: yea, very few, and strangers in it.

13 When they went from one nation to another: from one kingdom to another people;

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;

15 Saying, Touch not mine anointed: and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, even Joseph: who was sold for a servant:

18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:

19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the Lord tried him.

20 The king sent and loosed him: even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

21 He made him lord of his house: and ruler of all his substance:

22 To bind his princes at his pleasure: and teach his senators wisdom.

23 Israel also came into Egypt: and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And he increased his people greatly: and made them stronger than their enemies.

25 He turned their heart to hate his people: to deal subtilely with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant: and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They shewed his signs among them: and wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and made it dark: and they rebelled not against his word.

29 He turned their waters into blood: and slew their fish.

30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance: in the chambers of their kings.

31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies: and lice in all their coasts.

32 He gave them hail for rain: and flaming fire in their land.

33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees: and brake the trees of their coasts.

34 He spake, and the locusts came: and caterpillars, and that without number,

35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land: and devoured the fruit of their ground.

36 He smote also all the first-born in their land: the chief of all their strength.

37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

39 He spread a cloud for a covering: and fire to give light in the night.

40 The people asked, and he brought quails: and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out: they ran in the dry places like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy promise: and Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy: and his chosen with gladness:

44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labor of the people;

45 That they might observe his statutes: and keep his laws. Alleluia.

The Twenty-First Day. Vespers.

PSALM 106.

ALLELUIA. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord: who can shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that keep judgment: and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen: that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers: we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt, they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies: but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake: that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them from

the hand of him that hated them: and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words: they sang his praise.

13 They soon forgat his works: they waited not for his counsel:

14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness: and tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request: but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses also in the camp: and Aaron the saint of the Lord.

17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan: and covered the company of Abiram.

18 And a fire was kindled in their company: the flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb: and worshiped the molten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory: into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgat God their savior: which had done great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham: and terrible things by the Red sea.

23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them: had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land: they believed not his word:

25 But murmured in their tents: and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.

26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them: to overthrow them in the wilderness:

27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations: and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor: and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness: unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife: so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit: so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the nations: concerning whom the Lord commanded them:

35 But were mingled among the heathen: and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons: and their daughters unto devils,

38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled with their own works: and went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people: insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen: and they that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them: and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times did he deliver them: but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction: when he heard their cry:

45 And he remembered for them his covenant: and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

46 He made them also to be pitied: of all those that carried them captives.

47 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen: to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

48 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Alleluia.

The Twenty-Second Day. Matins.

PSALM 107.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so: whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west: from the north, and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way: they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty: their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: and he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he led them forth by the right way: that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness: and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul: and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: being bound in affliction and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God: and contemned the counsel of the Most High:

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labor: they fell down, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: and he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death: and brake their bands in sunder.

15 O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness: and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass: and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Fools, because of their transgression: and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat: and they draw near unto the gates of death.

19 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: and he saveth them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word, and healed them: and delivered them from their destructions.

21 O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness: and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving: and declare his works with rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships: that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the Lord: and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind: which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man: and are at their wit's end.

28 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 He maketh the storm a calm: so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet: so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness: and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people: and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness: and the water-springs into dry ground;

34 A fruitful land into barrenness: for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water: and dry ground into water-springs.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell: that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards: which may yield fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly: and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are minished and brought low: through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

40 He poureth contempt upon princes: and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction: and maketh him families like a flock.

42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things: even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

The Twenty-Second Day. Vespers.

PSALM 108.

O GOD, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;

6 That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine: Ephraim also is the strength of mine head, Judah is my lawgiver;

9 Moab is my washpot, over Edom will I cast out my shoe: over Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will bring me into the strong city: who will lead me into Edom?

11 Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off: and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 109.

HOLD not thy peace: O God of my praise;

2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred: and fought against me without a cause.

4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

5 And they have rewarded me evil for good: and hatred for my love.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his days be few: and let another take his office.

9 Let his children be fatherless: and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath: and let the strangers spoil his labor.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favor his fatherless children.

13 Let his posterity be cut

off: and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord: and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the Lord continually: that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man: that he might even slay the broken in heart.

17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment: so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as a garment which covereth him: and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the Lord: and of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.

22 For I am poor and needy: and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting: and my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shaked their heads.

26 Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

27 That they may know that this is thy hand: that thou, Lord, hast done it.

28 Let them curse, but bless thou, when they arise, let them be ashamed: but let thy servant rejoice.

29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame: and let them cover themselves with their own confusion as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth: yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor: to save him from those that condemn his soul.

The Twenty-Third Day. Matins.

PSALM 110.

THE Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord at thy right hand: shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies: he shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM 111.

ALLELUIA. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart: in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is honorable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works: that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment: all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever, holy and reverend is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM 112.

ALLELUIA. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man sheweth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid: until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor: his righteousness endureth for ever, his horn shall be exalted with honor.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 113.

ALLELUIA. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord: praise the name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord: from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same: the Lord's name is to be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations: and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the Lord our God: who dwelleth on high,

6 Who humbleth himself to behold: the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust: and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

8 That he may set him with princes: even with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house: and to be a joyful mother of children. Alleluia.

The Twenty-Third Day. Vespers.

PSALM 114.

WHEN Israel went out of Egypt: the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;

2 Judah was his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams: and the little hills like lambs.

5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest: thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams: and ye little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the God of Jacob;

8 Which turned the rock into a standing water: the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM 115.

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory: for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore should the heathen say: Where is now their God?

3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

4 Their idols are silver and gold: the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not, neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.

9 O Israel, trust thou in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

11 Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, he will bless us: he will bless the house of Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless them that fear the Lord: both small and great.

14 The Lord shall increase you more and more: you and your children.

15 Ye are blessed of the Lord: which made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not the Lord: neither any that go down into silence.

18 But we will bless the Lord: from this time forth and for evermore. Alleluia.

The Twenty-Fourth Day. Matins.

PSALM 116.

I LOVE the Lord: because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

6 The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the Lord: in the land of the living.

10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

11 I said in my haste: All men are liars.

12 What shall I render unto the Lord: for all his benefits toward me?

13 I will take the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.

14 I will pay my vows unto the Lord: now in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his saints.

16 O Lord, truly I am thy servant: I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid, thou hast loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the name of the Lord.

18 I will pay my vows unto the Lord: now in the presence of all his people,

19 In the courts of the Lord's house: in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

PSALM 117.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Alleluia.

PSALM 118.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Israel now say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Let them now that fear the Lord say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

6 The Lord is on my side, I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

7 The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

8 It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

11 They compassed me about, yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

12 They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns, for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the Lord helped me.

14 The Lord is my strength and song: and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

20 This gate of the Lord: into which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise thee, for thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders refused: is become the headstone of the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

27 God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

The Twenty-Fourth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 119.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies: and that seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded us: to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed: to keep thy statutes!

6 Then shall I not be ashamed: when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart: when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way: by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart: that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared: all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies: as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts: and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

DEAL bountifully with thy servant: that I may live and keep thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes: that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

19 I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh for the longing: that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed: which do err from thy commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt: for I have kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

24 Thy testimonies also are my delight: and my counsellors.

MY soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

26 I have declared my ways: and thou heardest me; teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

30 I have chosen the way of

truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O Lord, put me not to shame.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments: when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

The Twenty-fifth Day. Matins.

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.

38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant: who is devoted to thy fear.

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

LET thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord: even thy salvation, according to thy word.

42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth: for I have hoped in thy judgments.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually: for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings: and will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself: in thy commandments, which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved: and I will meditate in thy statutes.

REMEMBER the word unto thy servant: upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord: and have comforted myself.

53 Horror hath taken hold upon me: because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

54 Thy statutes have been my songs: in the house of my pilgrimage.

55 I have remembered thy name, O Lord: in the night, and have kept thy law.

56 This I had: because I kept thy precepts.

THOU art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words.

58 I entreated thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful

unto me according to thy word.

59 I thought on my ways: and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and delayed not: to keep thy commandments.

61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee: because of thy righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee: and of them that keep thy precepts.

64 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

THOU hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord: according unto thy word.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

68 Thou art good, and doest good: teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease: but I delight in thy law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me: than thousands of gold and silver.

The Twenty-Fifth Day. Vespers.

THY hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me: because I have hoped in thy word.

75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right: and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort: according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

78 Let the proud be ashamed, for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.

79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me: and those that have known thy testimonies.

80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes: that I be not ashamed.

MY soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

82 Mine eyes fail for thy word: saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many are the days of thy servant: when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth: but I forsook not thy precepts.

88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness: so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

FOR ever, O Lord: thy word is settled in heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

92 Unless thy law had been my delights: I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

O HOW love I thy law: it is my meditation all the day.

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the ancients: because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I might keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste: yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

The Twenty-Sixth Day. Matins.

THY word is a lamp unto my feet: and a light unto my path.

106 I have sworn, and I will perform it: that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord: and teach me thy judgments.

109 My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

111 Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined mine heart: to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.

I HATE vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word

115 Depart from me, ye evil doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee: and I am afraid of thy judgments.

I HAVE done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation: and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy: and teach me thy statutes.

125 I am thy servant: give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.

127 Therefore I love thy commandments: above gold, yea, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right: and I hate every false way.

THY testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: and teach me thy statutes.

136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes: because they keep not thy law.

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O Lord: and upright are thy judgments.

138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded: are righteous and very faithful.

139 My zeal hath consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and thy law is the truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have

taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

The Twenty-Sixth Day. Vespers.

I CRIED with my whole heart, hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes.

146 I cried unto thee, save me: and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches: that I might meditate in thy word.

149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O Lord, quicken me according to thy judgment.

150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

151 Thou art near, O Lord: and all thy commandments are truth.

152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old: that thou hast founded them for ever.

CONSIDER mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

156 Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord: quicken me according to thy judgments.

157 Many are my persecutors and mine enemies: yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved: because they kept not thy word.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy lovingkindness.

160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I rejoice at thy word: as one that findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee: because of thy righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

166 Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation: and done thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies: and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

LET my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come

before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

171 My lips shall utter praise: when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

173 Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy precepts.

174 I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord: and thy law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee: and let thy judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

The Twenty-Seventh Day. Matins.

PSALM 120.

IN my distress I cried unto the Lord: and he heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O Lord: from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be given unto thee; or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

4 Sharp arrows of the mighty: with coals of juniper.

5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech: that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

6 My soul hath long dwelt: with him that hateth peace.

7 I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

PSALM 121.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh from the Lord: which made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day: nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM 122.

I WAS glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is builded as a city: that is compact together:

4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord: unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

5 For there are set thrones of judgment: the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and com-

panions' sakes: I will now say, Peace be within thee.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek thy good.

PSALM 123.

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes: O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress: so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease: and with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM 124.

IF it had not been the Lord who was on our side: now may Israel say;

2 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side: when men rose up against us:

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick: when their wrath was kindled against us:

4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us: the stream had gone over our soul:

5 Then the proud waters: had gone over our soul.

6 Blessed be the Lord: who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

8 Our help is in the name of the Lord: who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125.

THEY that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion: which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem: so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous: lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4 Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good: and to them that are upright in their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

The Twenty-Seventh Day. Vespers.

PSALM 126.

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion: we were like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

3 The Lord hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad.

4 Turn again our captivity, O Lord: as the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed: shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

PSALM 127.

EXCEPT the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man: so are children of the youth.

5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128.

BLESSED is every one that feareth the Lord: that walketh in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the Lord.

5 The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon Israel.

PSALM 129.

MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth: may Israel now say:

2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 The ploughers ploughed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

4 The Lord is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them all be confounded: and turned back that hate Zion.

6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops: which withereth afore it groweth up:

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand: nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we bless you in the name of the Lord.

PSALM 130.

OUT of the depths have I cried: unto thee, O Lord.

2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3 If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with thee: that thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait: and in his word do I hope.

6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel: from all his iniquities.

PSALM 131.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

3 Let Israel hope in the Lord: from henceforth and for ever.

The Twenty-Eighth Day. Matins.

PSALM 132.

LORD, remember David: and all his afflictions:

2 How he sware unto the Lord: and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house: nor go up into my bed;

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes: or slumber to mine eyelids,

5 Until I find out a place for the Lord: a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

8 Arise, O Lord, into thy rest: thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness: and let thy saints shout for joy.

10 For thy servant David's sake: turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David, he will not turn from it: Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them: their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13 For the Lord hath chosen Zion: he hath desired it for his habitation.

14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell, for I have desired it.

15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17 There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALM 133.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is: for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM 134.

BEHOLD, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord: which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary: and bless the Lord.

3 The Lord that made heaven and earth: bless thee out of Zion.

PSALM 135.

ALLELUIA. Praise ye the name of the Lord: praise him, O ye servants of the Lord.

2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord: in the courts of the house of our God,

3 Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name, for it is pleasant.

4 For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself: and Israel for his peculiar treasure.

5 For I know that the Lord is great: and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven: and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

7 He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.

8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt: both of man and beast.

9 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt: upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

10 Who smote great nations: and slew mighty kings;

11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan: and all the kingdoms of Canaan:

12 And gave their land for a heritage: a heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever: and thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.

14 For the Lord will judge his people: and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold: the work of men's hands.

16 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not;

17 They have ears, but they hear not: neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.

19 Bless the Lord, O house of Israel: bless the Lord, O house of Aaron:

20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

21 Blessed be the Lord out of Zion: which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Alleluia.

The Twenty-Eighth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 136.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:

8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever:

11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever:

12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.

13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever:

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever:

15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

16 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.

17 To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

18 And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever:

20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever:

21 And gave their land for a heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever:

22 Even a heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever:

24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.

25 Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM 137.

BY the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down: yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

2 We hanged our harps upon the willows: in the midst thereof.

3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song: and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song: in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem: let my right hand forget her cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth: if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

7 Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem: who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed: happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

9 Happy shall he be: that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

PSALM 138.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me: and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord: when they hear the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever, forsake not the works of thine own hands.

The Twenty-Ninth Day. Matins.

PSALM 139.

O LORD, thou hast searched me: and known me.

2 Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising: thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down: and art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue: but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit: or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning: and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me: even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee, but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret: and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect: and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God: how great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly: and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee: and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me: and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 140.

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart: continually are they gathered together for war.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent: adders' poison is under their lips.

4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked: preserve me from the violent man, who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords: they have spread a net by the way side; they have set gins for me.

6 I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.

7 O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation: thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device, lest they exalt themselves.

9 As for the head of those that compass me about: let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

11 Let not an evil speaker be

established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted: and the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

PSALM 141.

LORD, I cry unto thee, make haste unto me: give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me: it shall be a kindness, and let him reprove me: it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head, for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words: for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth: as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust, leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me: and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets: whilst that I withal escape.

The Twenty-Ninth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 142.

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice: with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaint before him: I shewed before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path: in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O Lord, I said: Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about, for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSALM 143.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness an-

swer me, and in thy righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul, he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me: my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the days of old, I meditate on all thy works: I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.

7 Hear me speedily, O Lord, my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning, for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good, lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies: and destroy all them that afflict my soul, for I am thy servant.

The Thirtieth Day. Matins.

PSALM 144.

BLESSED be the Lord my strength: which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

2 My goodness and my fortress, my high tower, and my deliverer: my shield, and he in whom I trust, who subdueth my people under me.

3 Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him: or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

4 Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

5 Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

7 Send thine hand from above: rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

8. Whose mouth speaketh vanity: and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

9. I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children: whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

12 That our sons may be as

plants grown up in their youth: that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 That our oxen may be strong to labor; that there be no breaking in, nor going out: that there be no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.

PSALM 145.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King: and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee: and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: and his greatness is unsearchable.

4 One generation shall praise thy works to another: and shall declare thy mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty: and of thy wondrous works.

6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness: and shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion: slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

10 All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints shall bless thee.

11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts: and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

14 The Lord upholdeth all that fall: and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee: and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand: and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: to all that call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM 146.

ALLELUIA. Praise the Lord: O my soul.

2 While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 Put not your trust in princes: nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth: in that very day his thoughts perish.

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: whose hope is in the Lord his God:

6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:

8 The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down, the Lord loveth the righteous:

9 The Lord preserveth the strangers, he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever: even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Alleluia.

The Thirtieth Day. Vespers.

PSALM 147.

PRAISE ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God: for it is pleasant, and praise is comely.

2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He healeth the broken in heart: and bindeth up their wounds.

4 He telleth the number of the stars: he calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

6 The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

7 Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving: sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds: who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

9 He giveth to the beast his food: and to the young ravens which cry.

10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him: in those that hope in his mercy.

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Zion.

13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates: he hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth

his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob: his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Alleluia.

PSALM 148.

ALLELUIA. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the hights.

2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens: and ye waters that be above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth: ye dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire, and hail: snow, and vapor: stormy wind fulfilling his word:

9 Mountains, and all hills: fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle: creeping things, and flying fowl:

11 Kings of the earth, and all people: princes, and all judges of the earth:

12 Both young men, and maidens: old men, and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent: his glory is above the earth and heaven.

14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints: even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Alleluia.

PSALM 149.

ALLELUIA. Sing unto the Lord a new song: and his praise in the congregation of saints.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth: and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen: and punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains: and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute upon them the judgments written: this honor have all his saints. Alleluia.

PSALM 150.

ALLELUIA. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound

of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing: that hath breath praise the Lord. Alleluia.

LAUDS:

OR THE

OFFICE OF PRAISE FOR EARLY MORNING.

¶ *On Sundays and Festivals.*

V.—I laid me down, and slept:
R.—I awaked, for the Lord sustained me.
V.—O God, make speed to deliver us:
R.—O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ *All kneel down, and say*

OUR Father who art in the heavens, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so also upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

V.—O Lord, open thou our lips.
R.—And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

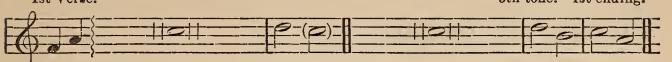
¶ *Here all stand up.*

V.—Praise be to thee, O Lord:
R.—King of eternal glory.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Psalms, on all Sundays and Festivals throughout the year; except from the third Sunday before Lent until Easter, during which time, in place of the first Psalm here following, shall be said Psalm* 51, Miserere; *and, in place of the second, Psalm* 118, Confitemini.

PSALM 93.—*Dominus regnavit.*

1st Verse. 5th tone. 1st ending.



THE Lord reigneth, he is clothed with màjesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath 'girded himself.

The world also is 'stablished: that it can nòt be moved.

Thy throne is established of òld: thou art from èverlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their vòice: the floods lift 'up their waves.

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many wà-ters: yea, than the mighty wàves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sùre: holiness becometh thine house, O Lòrd, forever.

V.—To Jesus Christ the Lord be glory and do'minion: for ever and èver. Amen.

R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the 'Last: who is, and who was, and who is to come, the 'Almighty.

PSALM 100.—*Jubilate Deo.*

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye 'lands: serve the Lord with gladness, come before his 'presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is 'God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves, we are his people, and the sheep òf his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with 'praise: be thankful unto him, and 'bless his name.

For the Lord is good, his mercy is ever'lasting: and his truth endureth to all 'generations.

V.—To Jesus Christ the Lord be glory and do'minion: for ever and èver. Amen.

R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the \Last: who is, and who was, and who is to come, the \Almighty.

PSALM 63.—*Deus, Deus meus.*

O GOD, thou art my \God: early \will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth \for thee: in a dry and thirsty land, \where no water is;

To see thy power and thy \glory: so as I have seen thee in the \sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than \life: my lips shall \praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I \live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and \fatness: and my mouth shall praise thee with \joyful lips;

When I remember thee upon my \bed: and meditate on thee in the \night watches.

Because thou hast been my \help: therefore in the shadow of thy wings will \I rejoice.

My soul followeth hard after \thee: thy right hand up\holdeth me.

But those that seek my soul, to de\stroy it: shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

They shall fall by the \sword: they shall be a \portion for foxes.

But the king shall rejoice in God, every one that sweareth by him shall \glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies \shall be stopped.

V.—To Jesus Christ the Lord be glory and do\minion: forever and ever. Amen.

R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the \Last: who is, and who was, and who is to come, the \Almighty.

PSALM 67.—*Deus misereatur.*

GOD be merciful unto us, and \bless us: and cause his face to \shine upon us;

That thy way may be known upon èarth: thy saving health a\mong all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O \God: let all the \people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for \joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations ùpon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O \God: let all the \people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her ìncrease: and God, even our own \God, shall bless us.

God shall \bless us: and all the ends of the èarth shall fear him.

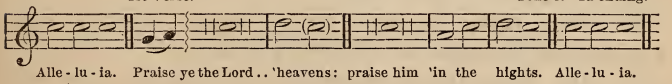
V.—To Jesus Christ the Lord be glory and do\minion: forever and èver. Amen.

R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the \Last: who is, and who was, and who is to come, the \Almighty.

¶ *On Sundays throughout the year shall here be sung the following Anthem:*

AND God said, Let there be light, and there was light: and the evening and the morning were the first day. Alleluia.

PSALM 148.—*Laudate Dominum.*



ALLELUIA. Praise ye the LORD from the \heavens: praise him ìn the hights.

Praise ye him, all his àngels: praise ye him, àll his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and 'moon: praise him, all ye 'stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of 'heavens: and ye waters that be a'bove the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the 'LORD: for he commanded, and they 'were created.

He hath also stablished them forever and èver: he hath made a decree which 'shall not pass.

Praise the LORD from the èarth: ye dragons, àn̄d all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and 'vapor: stormy wind, ful'filling his word;

Mountains, and all 'hills: fruitful trees, àn̄d all cedars;

Beasts, and all 'cattle: creeping things, and 'flying fowl;

Kings of the earth, and all 'people: princes, and all judges òf the earth;

Both young men, and 'maidens: old 'men, and children.

Let them praise the name of the 'LORD: for his name alone is excellent, his glory is above the èarth and heaven.

He also exalteth the horn of his 'people: the praise of àll his saints;

Even of the children of Israèl: a people near ùnto him. Alleluia.

PSALM 149.—*Cantate Domino.*

ALLELUIA. Sing unto the LORD a new 'song: and his praise in the congre'gation of saints.

Let Israel rejoice in him that 'made him: let the children of Zion be joyful ìn their King.

Let them praise his name in the 'dance: let them sing praises unto him with the 'timbrel and harp.

For the LORD taketh pleasure in his 'people: he will beautify the meek 'with salvation.

Let the saints be joyful in 'glory: let them sing aloud upòn their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their 'mouth: and a two-edged sword in their hand.

To execute vengeance upon the 'heathen: and punishments upon the people;

To bind their kings with 'chains: and their nobles with 'fetters of iron;

To execute upon them the judgment 'written: this honor have all his saints. Alleluia.

PSALM 150.—*Laudate Deum.*

ALLELUIA. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the 'trumpet: praise him with the psalter'y and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and 'dance: praise him with stringed instru'ments and organs.

Praise him upon the loud 'cymbals: praise him upon the high 'sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath 'breath: 'praise the LORD. Alleluia.

¶ *From Epiphany to Lent, and from the first Sunday after Pentecost to Advent, shall be sung this Anthem, Rev.* vii: 12.

BLESSING, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might: be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

¶ *On Sundays, from Epiphany till Lent, and from the first Sunday after Pentecost till Advent, shall be sung the following*

HYMN.—*Primo dierum omnium.*

ON this the day that saw the earth
From utter darkness first have birth;

The day its Maker rose again,
And vanquished death, and burst our chain;

Away with sleep and slothful ease!
We raise our hearts and bend our knees,
And early seek the Lord of all,
According to the prophet's call.

O Father of unclouded light,
We pray thee, kneeling in thy sight,
From all defilement to be freed,
And every sinful thought and deed;

That this our body's mortal frame
May know no sin and fear no shame,
Whereby the fires of hell may rise,
To torture us in fiercer wise.

We therefore, Savior, cry to thee,
To wash out our iniquity;
And give us of thy boundless grace,
The blessings of the heavenly place;

That we, thence exiled by our sin,
Hereafter may be welcomed in;
That blessed time awaiting now,
With hymns of glory here we bow.

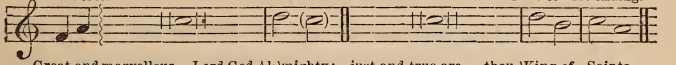
Glory and praises ever be,
O Jesus Christ our Lord, to thee;
Whom all the heavenly host adore,
God over all, forevermore. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* Lesson *from the New Testament, according to the Calendar; and, the same being ended, the people, standing up, shall say or sing*

R.—Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¶ *Then shall be sung, throughout the year, the Song of Moses and of the Lamb.*

Magna et Mirabilia.—Rev. xv: 3.



GREAT and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Al-'mighty: just and true are thy ways, thou 'King of saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy 'name: for thou a'lone art holy.

For all nations shall come and worship be'fore thee: for thy judgments àre made manifest.

V.—To Jesus Christ the Lord be glory and do'minion: forever and èver. Amen.

R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the 'Last: who is, and who was, and who is to come, the 'Almighty.

¶ *Then shall the Minister continue:*

V.—O Lord, unto thee have I cried:

R.—And in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

V.—Let my mouth be filled with thy praise:

R.—That I may sing of thy glory and of thy greatness all the day.

V.—The Lord be with you:

R.—And with thy spirit.

Minister.—Let us pray.

V.—O Lord, hide thy face from my sins:

R.—And blot out mine iniquities.

V.—Create in me a clean heart, O God:

R.—And renew a right spirit within me.

V.—Cast me not away from thy presence:

R.—And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

V.—Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation:

R.—And uphold me with thy free spirit.

V.—O Lord, hear my prayer:

R.—And let my cry come unto thee.

¶ *In Advent and Lent shall here be said, the Minister and people still kneeling,* Psalm 6, Domine ne in furore, *together with what follows, as far as to the Collect, the same being omitted at all other times, except on appointed fasts.*

V.—Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts:

R.—And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

V.—Arise, O Lord, and help us:

R.—And deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy Name's sake.

V.—O Lord, hear my prayer:

R.—And let my cry come unto thee.

¶ *Here shall be said the Collect for the day, and thereupon, throughout the year, this*

¶ *Collect for Grace.*

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our thoughts, words, and works may be directed to the keeping of thy holy laws: for thy mercy's sake, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.*—Amen.

¶ *Or this:*

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord God, King of heaven and earth, to direct, sanctify, rule, and govern this day our hearts and bodies, our thoughts, our speech, and our acts in the ways of thy laws and the works of thy commandments: that here and ever we may be saved and delivered, thou being our helper, O Savior of the world, who livest and reignest world without end. *R.*—Amen.

THE Lord keep our going out and our coming in from this time forth and evermore. *R.*—Amen

¶ *Here endeth the Office.*

LAUDS: OR THE OFFICE OF MORNING PRAISE,

FOR EACH DAY OF THE WEEK.

Monday.

V. I laid me down and slept, &c.

R. I awaked for the Lord, &c. *Continue as in the Office for Sunday as far as to the response,* King of eternal, etc. *The same each day of the week.*

Ps. 51. Have mercy, &c.

Ps. 5. Give ear to, &c.

Ps. 63. O God, thou art, &c.

Song of Isaiah, c. xii.

O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water: out of the wells of salvation.

And in that day shall ye say, praise the LORD, call upon his name: declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Sing unto the LORD, for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Antiphon. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters, and it was so: and the evening and the morning were the second day. Alleluia.

Ps. 150. Alleluia.

Sentence. Jesus said, I am the light of the world: he that followeth after me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.—*John* viii: 12.

HYMN.

THOU Splendor of the Father's ray,
True Light of light, and Day of day:
Light's fountain and eternal spring,
Thou Morn the morn illumining!

Glide in, thou very Sun Divine,
With everlasting brightness shine;
And shed abroad on every sense,
Thy holy Spirit's influence.

Our acts with courage do thou fill,
Blunt thou the tempter's tooth of ill;
Misfortune into good convert,
Or give us grace to bear unhurt.

Our spirits, whatsoe'er betide,
In chaste and loyal bodies guide;
Let faith with fervor unalloyed,
The bane of falsehood still avoid.

Thou, Lord, our daily food, be nigh,
Let faith our daily cup supply;
So may we quaff to calm and bless,
The Spirit's rapturous holiness.

Now let the day in joy pass on;
Our modesty like early dawn,
Our faith like noon-tide splendor glow,
Our souls the night-fall never know.

Glory and praises, &c. Dox. II.

Then follows the Lesson, *as in the Calendar; and, after that, the Office proceeds as on Sunday.*

Tuesday.

Ps. 51. Have mercy, &c.
Ps. 43. Judge me, &c.
Ps. 63. O God, thou art, &c.

Song of Habakkuk, c. iii.

O LORD, I have heard thy speech, I was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy.

God came from Teman: and the Holy One from mount Paran.

His glory covered the heavens: and the earth was full of his praise.

And his brightness was as the light: he had horns coming out of his hand, and there was the hiding of his power.

Before him went the pestilence: and burning coals went forth at his feet.

He stood and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations.

And the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting.

I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

Was the LORD displeased against the rivers: was thine anger against the rivers?

Was thy wrath against the sea: that thou didst ride upon thy horses, thy chariots of salvation?

Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy Word: thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

The mountains saw thee and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by.

The deep uttered his voice: and lifted up his hands on high.

The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.

Thou didst march through the land in indignation: thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.

Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people: even for salvation with thine anointed.

Thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked: by discovering the foundation unto the neck.

Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me, their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

Thou didst walk through the sea with thy horses: through the heap of great waters.

When I heard, my belly trembled: my lips quivered at the voice.

Rottenness entered into my bones: and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble.

When he cometh up unto the people: he will invade them with his troops.

Although the fig-tree shall not blossom: and there shall be no fruit in the vines:

The labor of the olive shall fail: and the fields shall yield no meat:

The flock shall be cut off from the fold: and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

Yet will I rejoice in the LORD: I will joy in the God of my salvation.

The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet: and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

Ant. And God said, Let the dry land appear, and let the earth bring forth grass, the herb, and the tree, and it was so: and the evening and the morning were the third day. Alleluia.

Ps. 150. Alleluia.

Sentence. In him was life: and the life was the light of men.—*John* i: 4.

HYMN.

OUR limbs refreshed with slumber now,
And sloth cast off, in prayer we bow;
And while we sing thy praises dear,
O Father, be thou present here.

To thee our earliest morning song,
To thee our hearts' full powers belong;
And thou, O Holy One, prevent
Each following action and intent.

Cut off, we pray thee, each offense,
Each evil thing of thought and sense;
So we who now do thee adore,
May sing thy praises evermore.

Grant that we ask, &c. DOX. III.

Wednesday.

Ps. 51. Have mercy, &c.
Ps. 65. Praise waiteth, &c.
Ps. 63. O God, thou art, &c.

Song of Hannah, 1 Sam. ii: 1–10.

MY heart rejoiceth in the LORD: mine horn is exalted in the LORD.

My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies: because I rejoice in thy salvation.

There is none holy as the LORD, for there is none besides thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

Talk no more so exceeding proudly: let not arrogancy come out of your mouth.

For the LORD is a God of knowledge: and by him are actions weighed.

The bows of the mighty men are broken: and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

They that were full have hired out themselves for bread: and they that were hungry ceased.

So that the barren hath borne seven: and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust: and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill.

To set them among princes: and to make them inherit the throne of glory.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S: and he hath set the world upon them.

He will keep the feet of his saints: and the wicked shall be silent in darkness.

For by strength shall no man prevail: the adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces.

Out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth.

And he shall give strength to his king: and exalt the horn of his anointed.

Ant. And God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also: and the evening and the morning were the fourth day. Alleluia.

Ps. 150. Alleluia.

Sentence. He that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God.—*John* iii: 21.

HYMN.

THE winged herald of the day
Proclaims the morn's approaching ray;
And Christ the Lord the soul excites,
And so to endless life invites.

Take up thy bed, to each he cries,
Who sick or wrapped in slumber lies;
And chaste, and just, and sober stand,
And watch, my coming is at hand.

Do thou, O Lord, our slumbers wake;
Do thou the chains of darkness break;
Purge thou our former sins away,
And in our souls new light display.

Glory and praises, &c. Dox. II.

Thursday.

Ps. 51. Have mercy, &c.
Ps. 70. Make haste, &c.
Ps. 63. O God, thou art, &c.

Song of Moses, Exodus xv: 1–18.

I WILL sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

And in the greatness of thine excellency, thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

And with the blast of thy nostrils, the waters were gathered together: the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my lust shall be satisfied upon them: I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods: who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou stretchedst out thy right hand: the earth swallowed them.

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Philistia.

Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed, the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them: all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

Fear and dread shall fall upon them, by the greatness of thine arm they shall be still as a stone: till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

Thou shalt bring them in and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance: in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

The LORD shall reign: forever and ever.

Ant. And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly, the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth, in the open firmament of heaven: and the evening and the morning were the fifth day. Alleluia.

Ps. 150. Alleluia.

Sentence. Jesus said, Walk while ye have the light: lest darkness come upon you.—*John* xii: 35.

HYMN.

BEHOLD the golden dawn arise,
The paling night forsake the skies;
O, let our souls no longer stray
In darkness' rash and devious way.

May this new day be calmly passed,
May we keep pure while it shall last;
Nor let our lips from truth depart,
Nor dark designs engage the heart.

So may the day speed on, the tongue
No falsehood know, the hands no wrong;
Our eyes from wanton gaze refrain,
No guilt our guarded bodies stain.

For God, all-seeing from on high,
Surveys us with a watchful eye;
Each day our every act he knows,
From early dawn to evening's close.

Glory and praises, &c. Dox. II.

Friday.

Ps. 51. Have mercy, &c.
Ps. 143. Hear my prayer, &c.
Ps. 63. O God, thou art, &c.

Song of Jonah, c. ii: 2–10.

I CRIED by reason of mine affliction, unto the LORD, and he heard me: out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou didst hear my voice.

For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas: and the floods compassed me about, all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight: yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

The waters compassed me about to the soul: the depth closed me around, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

I went down to the bottoms of the mountains, the earth with her bars was about me forever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD, my God.

When my soul did faint within me, I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thy holy temple.

They that observe lying vanities: forsake their own mercy.

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving, I will pay that that I have vowed: salvation is of the LORD.

Ant. And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: and the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Alleluia.

Ps. 150. Alleluia.

Sentence. Jesus said, I am come a light into the world, that whosoever

believeth on me should not abide in darkness.—*John* xii: 46.

HYMN.

THE day-star's rays are glittering clear,
And tell that day itself is near;
The shadows of the night depart,
Thou, Holy Light, illume the heart!

Within our senses ever dwell,
And worldly darkness thence expel;
Long as the days of life endure,
Preserve our souls devout and pure.

The Faith, that first must be possessed,
Root deep within our inmost breast;
And joyous Hope, in second place,
Then Charity, thy greatest grace.

Glory and praises, &c. Dox. II.

Saturday.

Ps. 51. Have mercy, &c.
Ps. 92. It is a good thing, &c.
Ps. 63. O God, thou art, &c.

Song of Moses, Deut. xxxii.

GIVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak: and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew: as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass.

Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth, and without iniquity, just and right is he.

They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and a crooked generation.

Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise: is not he thy Father that hath bought thee, hath he not made thee, and established thee?

Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will show thee, thy elders, and they will tell thee.

When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance: when he separated the sons of Adam—

He set the bounds of the people: according to the number of the sons of Israel.

For the LORD's portion is his people: Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

He found him in a desert land, and in the waste, howling wilderness: he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young: spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings;

So the LORD alone did lead him: and there was no strange god with him.

He made him ride on the high places of the earth: that he might eat the increase of the fields.

And he made him to suck honey out of the rock: and oil out of the flinty rock.

Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs: and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats.

With the fat of kidneys of wheat: and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

Ant. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished: and all the host of them. Alleluia.

Ps. 150. Alleluia.

Sentence. Jesus said, While ye have the light believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.—*John* xii: 36.

HYMN.

DAWN sprinkles all the east with light,
Day o'er the earth is gliding bright;
Morn's glittering rays their course begin;
Farewell to darkness and to sin.

All evil of the past, depart;
All thought of wrong forsake the heart;
Let every ill that darkness brought
Beneath its shade, now come to naught.

So that last morn which we await,
We may with hope anticipate;
That it with blessed light shall glow,
The while we sing as here below:

Glory and praises ever be,
O Jesus Christ, our Lord, to thee;
Whom all the heavenly hosts adore,
God over all, forevermore.

¶ *At Vespers on Saturday.*

Ant. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made: and God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because that in it he had rested from all his work. Alleluia.

THE COMPLIN:

OR

THE OFFICE FOR THE NIGHT.

¶ *The Reader begins:*

THE Lord grant us a quiet night and perfect end:
R.—Amen.

Short Lesson: St. Mark xiii: 33.

TAKE ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work; and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye, therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning: lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch.

¶ *All kneel down, and say in silence,* Our Father, etc., *and thereupon continue in a loud voice:*

I CONFESS to thee, Almighty God, that I have sinned in thought, word, and work, and through my fault alone. Be merciful, O God, to me a sinner.

V.—Almighty God, be merciful to us, and bless us; and, forgiving us our sins, bring us to everlasting life.

R.—Amen.

V.—O God, make speed to deliver us:

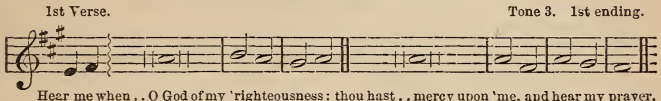
R.—O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ *Here all stand up.*

V.—To Jesus Christ the Lord be glory and dominion: forever and ever. Amen.

R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last: who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

PSALM 4.—*Cum invocarem.*



HEAR me when I call, O God of my 'righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress, have mercy upon 'me, and hear my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory ìnto shame: how long will ye love vanity, and seek àfter leasing?

But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly 'for himself: the LORD will hear when I 'call unto him.

Stand in awe, ànd sin not: commune with your own heart upòn your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of 'righteousness: and put your 'trust in the LORD.

There be many that say, Who will show us ànу good: LORD, lift thou up the light of thy 'countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness ìn my heart: more than in the time that their corn and their 'wine increased.

I will both lay me down in 'peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me 'dwell in safety.

V.—To Jesus Christ the Lord be glory 'and dominion: forever and èver. Amen.

R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the 'First and the Last: who is, and who was, and who is to come, the 'Almighty.

PSALM 31.—*In te Domine, speravi:* v. 1–8, 19–24.

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust, let me never 'be ashamed: deliver me 'in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me, deliver me spèedily: be thou my strong rock, for a house of de'fense to save me.

For thou art my rock ànd my fortress: therefore for thy name's sake lead 'me, and guide me.

Pull me out of the net that they have laid 'privily for me: for thòu art my strength.

Into thy hand I com'mit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O 'LORD God of truth.

I have hated them that regard ly'ing vanities: but I 'trust in the LORD.

I will be glad and rejoice ìn thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble, thou hast known my soul ìn adversities.

And hast not shut me up into the hand òf the enemy: thou hast set my feet ìn a large room.

O how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for 'them that fear thee: which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee be'fore the sons of men.

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the 'pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion 'from the strife of tongues.

Blessed 'be the LORD: for he hath showed me his marvellous kindness ìn a strong city.

For I said in my haste, I am cut off from be'fore thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I 'cried unto thee.

O love the LORD, all 'ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewàrdeth the proud doer.

Be of good courage, and he shall strèngthen your heart· all ye that 'hope in the LORD.

V.—To Jesus Christ the Lord, &c.

R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, &c.

PSALM 91.—*Qui habitat.*

HE that dwelleth in the secret place òf the Most High: shall abide under the shadow òf the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge ànd my fortress: my God, in 'him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the 'snare of the fowler: and from the 'noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings 'shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy 'shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the 'terror by night: nor for the àrrow that flieth by day.

Nor for the pestilence that 'walketh in darkness: nor for the destruction that 'wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at 'thy right hand: but it shall 'not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt 'thou behold: and see the reward òf the wicked.

Because thou hast made the LORD, which ìs my refuge: even the Most High, thy hàbitation.

There shall no èvil befall thee: neither shall any plague come 'nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge òver thee: to keep 'thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up ìn their hands: lest thou dash thy 'foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the 'lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou 'trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I de-'liver him: I will set him on high, because 'he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will ànswer him: I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver 'him, and honor him.

With long life will I 'satisfy him: and show him 'my salvation.

V.—To Jesus Christ the Lord, &c.
R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, &c.

PSALM 134.—*Ecce nunc.*

BEHOLD, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD: which by night stand in the house of the LORD.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary: and bless the LORD.
The LORD that made heaven and earth: bless thee out of Zion.

V.—To Jesus Christ the Lord, &c.
R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, &c.

SENTENCE.

THOU, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name: leave us not.—*Jer.* xiv: 9.

THE HYMN.—*Te lucis ante terminum.*

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favor, thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and phantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no temptation we may know.

Grant that we ask, Almighty Lord,
Jesus the Christ alone adored;
Blest Fullness of the Trinity,
Reigning on high eternally. Amen.

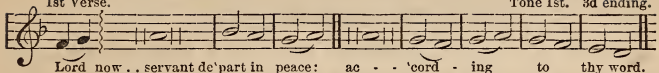
¶ *If there be an Anthem appointed for the Office, it shall here follow.*

¶ *Then shall be read the* Lesson *from the Old Testament, according to the Calendar; and the same being ended, the people, standing up shall say or sing:*

R.—Thanks be to thee, O God.

The Song of Simeon. Nunc dimittis. St. Luke ii: 29.

1st Verse. Tone 1st. 3d ending.



LORD, now lettest thou thy servant de'part in peace: ac-'cording to thy word.

For mine èyes have seen: 'thy salvation.

Which thou 'hast prepared: before the 'face of all people.

A light to 'lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of thy 'people Israel.

V.—To Jesus Christ the Lord be glory 'and dominion: forever and èver. Amen.

R.—He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the 'First and the Last: who is, and who was, and who is to 'come, the Almighty.

V.—Into thy hands, O Lord, I commit my spirit:

R.—Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

V.—Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers:

R.—Praiseworthy and glorious forever.

V.—The Lord be with you:

R.—And with thy spirit.

Minister.—Let us pray.

V.—Lord, have mercy upon us:

R.—Have mercy upon us.

V.—O Lord, in thee have we trusted:

R.—Let us never be confounded.

V.—O Lord, hear my prayer:

R.—And let my cry come unto thee.

¶ *Here may be said the Collects, as in the Vesper Office, provided that Office has not been said the same day, or any of the occasional prayers and thanksgivings contained in this book; and, after all others, shall be said these prayers following:*

VISIT, O Lord, we beseech thee, this family of thy servants, and drive far from us all the snares of the enemy.

Let thy holy angels surround us, who keep us in peace, and let thy blessing be always upon us. *Amen.*

SAVE us, O Lord, while we wake, and keep us while we sleep, that our souls may continually watch for thee, and that we may rest in thy peace forever and ever. *Amen.*

V.—The Lord grant us his peace:

R.—And life eternal. *Amen.*

End of the Complin.

Antiphons, Collects, and Gospels.

[NOTE: The *Antiphon*, *Collect* and *Gospel* together with the *Anthem*, *Sequence* and *Hymn*, constitute that part of the service for each Sunday which has a historical or commemorative import, referring generally to some special event of our Saviour's Life, or embodying some particular precept of His Doctrine.

The *Antiphon* is a single sentence from Scripture indicating, like a key-note, the event or precept specially commemorated in the service of the day. It may be read or sung, being introduced always between the opening Psalm and the Psalter for the day. When there are more than one appointed they shall follow in the order specially indicated.

The *Collect* is a short petition to be offered just before the stated prayers of the office, having reference generally to that instruction which is contained in the Gospel for the day.

The *Gospel* is a portion of the New Testament presenting a particular event in the Life of our Lord or precept of His teaching. From Advent until Pentecost the Gospels for the successive Sundays present a consecutive history of our Redemption. The *Gospel* forms the proper Lesson for the Office before the Communion; it may also be read, on other than Communion Days, in any of the daily offices in place of the Second Lesson.]

First Sunday in Advent.

Antiphon. Drop down ye heavens from above and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light now in the time of thy second coming in power and great glory: that being quickened by thy judgments and born anew of thy ever-living Word we may rise to the life immortal; through thy redeeming mercy O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *This Collect is to be repeated every day with the other Collects in Advent until Christmas.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke iii: 1-6.

NOW in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance, for the remission of sins; as it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Second Sunday in Advent.

Ant. I shall see him but not now, I shall behold him but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel.

THE COLLECT.

COME to deliver us, O Lord God of hosts: turn us again

and we shall be saved: cleanse us, by thy grace, with the gift of worthy repentance, that we may be enabled to stand before thee in the judgment; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xxi: 25-33.

AND there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And he spake to them a parable, Behold the fig-tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled: heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away.

Third Sunday in Advent.

Ant. Behold I will send my messenger; and he shall prepare the way before me.

THE COLLECT.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, incline thine ears to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of thy visitation; for thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. xi: 2-10.

NOW when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them; And blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me. And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? a reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? a prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Ant. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion: behold, thy King cometh unto thee.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power and come among us and with great might succour us: that whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore tried and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace may speedily help and deliver us; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John i: 19-28.

AND this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem, to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we

may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not: he it is, who coming after me, is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Eve of the Nativity.

Ant. Behold a virgin shall conceive and bare a son: and shall call his name Emmanuel.

THE COLLECT.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, let our souls be enkindled by thy Spirit that being filled as lamps, by the divine gift, we may shine as blazing lights in thy presence in the day of thy coming and enter with thee into thine everlasting kingdom; through thy redeeming mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE NATIVITY, OR BIRTH-DAY OF OUR LORD, COMMONLY CALLED

Christmas-Day.

*At Lauds. The Antiphons.**

1. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God: and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Alleluia.

Ps. 93. The Lord reigneth, &c.

Ant. 2. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night: and lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. Alleluia.

Ps. 100. Make a joyful noise, &c.

Ant. 3. And the angel of the Lord said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Alleluia.

Ps. 63. O God thou art, &c.
Ps. 67. God be merciful, &c.
Ps. 148. Alleluia.

Ant. 4. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord: and this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling-clothes, lying in a manger. Alleluia.

Ps. 149. Alleluia.

Ant. 5. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Alleluia.

At Matins; Antiphon: I will declare the decree, the Lord hath said unto me: thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who are filled with the new light of thy Incarnate Word may show forth in our works that faith which shineth in our minds; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John i: 1-14.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God,

* NOTE.—That whenever there are Antiphons appointed at Lauds they are always to be inserted in the order here indicated.

whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.

Sunday after Christmas.

Ant. In the beginning, &c.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast in thy mercy deigned to take our nature upon thee, and, as at this time, to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we being regenerate and made thy children by the aid of thy grace, may daily be renewed by thy holy Spirit: for the sake of thy holy name, O Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. i: 18-25.

THE birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost: And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. (Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a Virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.) Then Joseph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife; and knew her not till she had brought forth her first-born son; and he called his name JESUS.

NEW-YEAR'S DAY.

THE FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION, AND OF THE

Name of Jesus.

Ant. And thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Alleluia.

THE COLLECTS.

O LORD who on the eighth day after thy birth didst suffer circumcision and become, for our sake, obedient unto the law for man: Grant unto us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that our hearts and all our members being mortified from all carnal and worldly lusts we may in all things obey thy blessed will: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast made thy most glorious Name of Jesus to be precious and delightful to thy faithful servants, but terrible and unutterable to evil spirits: Grant that all who devoutly venerate this Name on earth may in this life receive its holy consolation and comfort and in the life to come attain to victory and gladness; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ, the Redeemer and Saviour of the world. *Amen*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke ii: 15-21.

AND it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things which they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

¶ *The same Antiphon, Collect, and Gospel shall serve until the Epiphany.*

The Epiphany;

OR MANIFESTATION OF OUR LORD TO THE GENTILES.

Ant. And the gentiles shall come to thy light; and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Alleluia.

At Vespers; Ant. The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light: and thy God thy glory. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD who by the leading of a star didst manifest thyself in thy humanity to the Gentiles: graciously illumine our hearts by the holy radiance of thy Incarnation: that so we may escape the darkness of this world and by thy guidance attain to the country of eternal brightness: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. i: 1-12.

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go, and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

First Sunday after Epiphany.

Ant. And the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple:

even the messenger of the covenant whom ye delight in.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, to the glory of thy holy name, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke ii: 41-52.

NOW his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem, after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Second Sunday after Epiphany.

Ant. Ho! every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters: come buy wine and milk without money and without price.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD who for our salvation hast graciously revealed thyself in our flesh and nature: grant that as we have beheld thee outwardly like unto us, so we may be inwardly renewed after thy likeness, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John i: 1-11.

AND the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there. And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six water-pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the servants which drew the water knew,) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory, and his disciples believed on him.

Third Sunday after Epiphany.

Ant. This poor man cried and the Lord heard him: and delivered him out of all his trouble.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, graciously look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, for thy mercy's sake, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. viii: 1-13.

WHEN he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man, but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say unto this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel. And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way, and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

Ant. He maketh the storm a calm: so that the waves thereof are still.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we can not always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. viii: 23-34.

AND when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us, we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine, feeding. So the devils besought

him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.

Ant. He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted: to proclaim liberty to the captives.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. xiii: 24-30.

ANOTHER parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD.

Ant. His glory covered the heavens: and the earth was full of his praise.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, who in the glory of the Transfiguration didst declare thy Divinity unto men: Grant to us that hearing and doing obediently thy word on earth, we may come hereafter into the perfect joy of thy presence: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. xvii: 1-9.

AND after six days, Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold, a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell

the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

Septuagesima Sunday.

BEING THE THIRD BEFORE LENT.

Ant. For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you and perform my good work toward you: for I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, we beseech thee to hear favorably the prayers of thy people: that we who are justly afflicted for our sins may be mercifully delivered through the power of thy holy Spirit, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. xx: 1–16.

THE kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market-place, and said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the good man of the house, saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? is thine eye evil because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Sexagesima Sunday.

Ant. He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed: shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT, we beseech thee Almighty God, that always pressing onward in thy way with devout minds we may escape the snares of the sins that beset us: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke viii: 4–15.

WHEN much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell by the wayside, and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock, and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundred-fold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him

hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God. Those by the wayside are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe, and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns, are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares, and riches, and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which, in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Quinquagesima Sunday.

Ant. The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: he raiseth up those that be bowed down.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thy mercy's sake, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xviii: 31–43.

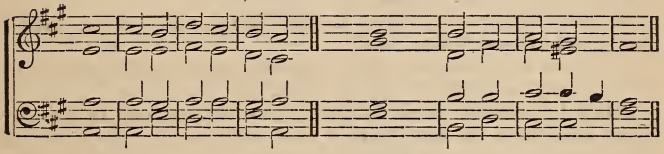
THEN Jesus took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: and they shall scourge him, and put him to death; and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken. And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the wayside begging: and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, saying, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight; thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

Lent.

THE COMMEMORATION OF OUR SAVIOUR'S FORTY DAYS' FASTING AND TEMPTATION.

¶ *At Matins, on the week-days of Lent, shall be sung, instead of the* Cantate, *the following:*

Ps. 65: v. 1-8. *Te decet hymnus.*



PRAISE waiteth for `thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the `vow be performed.

O `thou that hearest prayer: unto `thee shall all flesh come.

Iniqui`ties prevail against me: as for our transgressions, `thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that `he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy `holy temple.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O `God of our salvation: who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar `off upon the sea:

Which by his strength `setteth fast the mountains: being `girded with power:

Which stilleth the `noise of the seas: the noise of their waves, and the `tumult of the people.

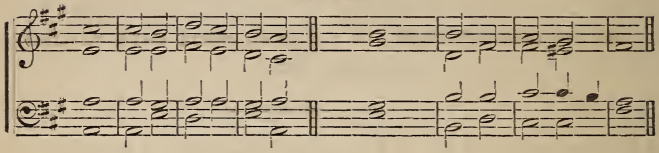
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are a`fraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and `evening to rejoice.

To Jesus Christ the Lord be `glory and dominion: forever and `ever. Amen.

He is the Alpha and the `Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last: who is, and who was, and who is to `come, the Almighty.

¶ *At Vespers, on week-days in Lent, instead of the* Quam dilecta, *shall be sung the following:*

Ps. 42. *Quemadmodum.*



AS the hart panteth 'after the water brooks: so panteth my 'soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for 'God, for the living God: when shall I 'come and appear before God?

My tears have been my 'meat day and night: while they continually say unto me, 'Where is thy God?

When I remember these things, I pour 'out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude 'that kept holy-day.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art 'thou disquieted in me: hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the 'help of his countenance.

O my God, my 'soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the 'hill Mizar.

Deep calleth unto deep at the 'noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows 'are gone over me.

Yet the LORD will command his loving-'kindness in the daytime: and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the 'God of my life.

I will say unto God my rock, 'Why hast thou forgotten me: why go I mourning because of the oppression 'of the enemy?

As with a sword in my bones, mine 'enemies reproach me: while they say daily unto me, 'Where is thy God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art 'thou disquieted within me: hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my 'countenance, and my God.

To Jesus Christ the Lord, &c.

He is the Alpha, &c.

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT, COMMONLY CALLED

Ash Wednesday.

Ant. Turn ye even to me, saith the Lord, with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily acknowledging and lamenting our evils, may by thy grace be enabled to put them away as sins against thee, and thus to obtain perfect remission and forgiveness; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *This Collect shall be said daily throughout Lent.*

THE PRAYER.

TURN thou us, O Lord, and so shall we be turned: O merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering and of great pity, spare thy people and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion: hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. vi: 16–21.

WHEN ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father, which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

First Sunday in Lent.

Ant. He shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, who for our sakes didst fast forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motives in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honor and glory who livest and reignest the only God of heaven and earth, world without end. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. iv: 1–11.

THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan;

for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Second Sunday in Lent.

Ant. Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

THE COLLECT.

O MERCIFUL Lord, who didst bring home the lost sheep to the fold on thy shoulders, who didst accept the prayers and confessions of the publican, do thou, O Lord, be favorable also to thy servants, and graciously attend to our prayers, for thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. xv: 21-28.

JESUS went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Third Sunday in Lent.

Ant. Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

THE COLLECT.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defense against all our enemies, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xi: 14-28.

AND he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub, the chief of the devils. And others tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself, is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house, falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in, and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. And it came

to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lift up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it.

Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Ant. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her all ye that mourn for her, that ye may be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who hast forbidden us to be anxious about the things of this life: grant, we beseech thee, that we may devotedly follow after what belongeth to thee, knowing that all things needful will be added unto us, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John vi: 1-15.

AFTER these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat? (And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.) Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley-loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down: and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley-loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that Prophet that should come into the world.

Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Ant. Judge me, O God, and plead my cause, against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT us, O Lord, to care less for earthly things, and more for the things of heaven: and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John viii: 46-59.

JESUS said, Which of you convinceth me of sin? and if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well, that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil: but I honor my Father, and ye do dishonor me. And I seek not mine own glory; there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews

unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil: Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honor myself, my honor is nothing; it is my Father that honoreth me, of whom ye say, that he is your God: yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you; but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

The Sunday next before Easter,

COMMONLY CALLED PALM SUNDAY.

Ant. Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings: thou hast perfected praise.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who when thou camest to be our Saviour, didst take upon thee our flesh and suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of thy great humility: grant, we beseech thee, that we may both follow the example of thy patience, and also be made partakers of thy resurrection: through thy redeeming mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *This Collect shall be said daily until Good Friday.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. xxi: 1-9.

WHEN they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them: and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them; and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Thursday before Easter.

THE INSTITUTION OF THE HOLY SUPPER.

Ant. A new commandment I give unto you: that ye love one another.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT us, O Lord, the heart to love one another as thou hast loved us: that, by the bond of charity and peace, thy church may be ever one in thee, as thou art with the Father one, our only true God and Eternal Life. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John xvii.

THESE words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and

Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men whom thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee: for I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them whom thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world; but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world: and for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also who shall believe on me through their word: that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Good Friday.

THE CRUCIFIXION OF OUR LORD.

At Lauds. Ant. 1. Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto his sorrow.

2. The chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we are healed.

3. And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then shall he answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

4. Lord, remember me, when thou comest into thy kingdom.

At Matins and Vespers. Ant. He was despised and rejected of men: a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which thou wast contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to

suffer death upon the cross: who now livest and reignest in the glory of the Father, the only God of heaven and earth, world without end. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS.

O LORD, the Comforter of the afflicted, and the strength of those that labour, let the prayers of all such as call upon thee in tribulation come to thee: that these with joy may see and confess thy mercies in the midst of their necessities. *Amen.*

O SAVIOUR of the world, who hast redeemed all men, and would have none to perish, look down in mercy upon those souls that are seduced by the deceits of the devil, that the hearts of all them that err, laying aside all perverseness and malice, may repent and return unto thee. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL and ever-living Lord God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live: have mercy upon all those who remain yet in darkness and in the shadow of death: all unbelievers: all falsifiers and slanderers of thy true religion: and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word: and so bring them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold, under one Shepherd, even thee, O Jesus Christ, who livest and reignest, the only God of heaven and earth, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *At Vespers, after the proper Sequence, may be chanted the following antiphonal Hymn:*

O MY people, what have I done unto thee, and wherein have I wearied thee? Answer me.

For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of bondage.

Holy Lord God, Holy and Mighty God, Holy Immortal God, have mercy upon us.

Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah.

Holy Lord God, &c.

O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments: then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.

Holy Lord God, &c.

What more could have been done to my vineyard that I have not done in it? Wherefore when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

Holy Lord God, &c.

O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; thou hast fallen by thine iniquity: but in me is thine help.

Holy Lord God, &c.

O Israel, I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins: return unto me, for I have redeemed thee.

Holy Lord God, &c.

O Israel: return unto the Lord thy God.

Holy Lord God, &c.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

According to St. John xviii & xix: 1–37.

WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples. Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns, and torches, and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground. Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he. If there-

fore ye seek me, let these go their way: That the saying might be fulfilled which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me, have I lost none. Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it? Then the band, and the captain, and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, and led him away to Annas first, (for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.) Now Caiaphas was he which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. That disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus, into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; (for it was cold,) and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by, struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? (Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.) And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. One of the servants of the high priest (being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off) saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew. Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment-hall, lest they should be defiled: but that they might eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. Then Pilate entered into the judgment-hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation, and the chief priests, have delivered thee unto me. What hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I

born; and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth, heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a custom that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore, that I release unto you the King of the Jews? Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe. And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. Pilot therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And he saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment-hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cesar's friend. Whosoever maketh himself a king, speaketh against Cesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment-seat, in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written, I have written. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the sol-

diers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath-day, (for that sabbath-day was a high-day) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came thereout blood and water. And he that saw it, bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

HOLY SATURDAY, OR

Easter Eve.

Ant. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell: neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of that carnal nature in which thou wast contented to be crucified, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with thee: that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection: which we ask for thy mercy's sake, O Jesus Christ our Saviour, who wast dead and buried, and art risen again for us. *Amen.*

(*The Sequence for this day is* Ps. 121. I will lift up mine eyes, &c.)

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. xxvii: 57-60.

WHEN the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: he went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. Now, the next day that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Easter Day.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD.

At Lauds; Ant. 1. The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Simon. Alleluia.

2. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it: his countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. Alleluia.

3. And the angel said unto the women, Fear ye not, for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified: he is not here; he is risen as he said. Alleluia.

4. Fear not: I am he that liveth and was dead: and behold, I am alive forevermore, amen: and have the keys of death and of hell. Alleluia.

5. I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Alleluia.

At Matins; Ant. This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us be glad and rejoice in it. Alleluia.

At Vespers. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thy glorified humanity hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech thee that as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest the only God of heaven and earth, world without end. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John xx: 1-10.

THE first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre; and he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying: yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie; and the napkin that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

First Sunday after Easter.

Ant. The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the headstone of the corner. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, who in thy humanity didst suffer for us the death of the cross, and by thy glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of the enemy: mercifully grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with thee in the joy of thy resurrection, who livest and reignest the only God of heaven and earth, world without end. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John xx: 19-31.

THEN the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my

Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, ye might have life through his name.

Second Sunday after Easter.

Ant. Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, our Lord Jesus Christ, who in thy great condescension didst raise up a fallen world; grant that we whom thou hast rescued from the perils of eternal death, may, in renewal of life, come to share thy eternal joys, who livest and reignest, the only God of heaven and earth, world without end. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John x: 11-16.

JESUS said, I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Third Sunday after Easter.

Ant. The Lord is my strength and song: he is become my salvation. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who shewest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of thy Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John xvi: 16-22.

JESUS said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see

me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we can not tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

Fourth Sunday after Easter.

Ant. The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise: that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John xvi: 5-15.

JESUS said unto his disciples, Now I go my way to him that sent me, and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But, because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye can not bear them now. Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine; therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Fifth Sunday after Easter.

Ant. Out of Zion shall go forth the law: and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come, grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same, to the glory of thy holy name, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John xvi: 23.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not

unto you, that I will pray the Father for you; for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Ascension Day.

At Lauds. Ant. 1. I ascend unto my Father and your Father, unto my God and your God. Alleluia.

2. No man hath ascended up into heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man, who is in heaven. Alleluia.

3. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth: will draw all men unto me. Alleluia.

4. Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high. Alleluia.

5. And he lifted up his hands and blessed them: and while he blessed them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven. Alleluia.

At Matins and Vespers. Ant. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT, we beseech, O Lord, that like as we do believe thee in thy glorified humanity to have ascended into the heavens; so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with thee continually dwell, who livest and reignest, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mark xvi: 14-20.

JESUS appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached every-where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following. Amen.

Sunday after Ascension Day.

Ant. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens: and his kingdom ruleth over all. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, the King of Glory, who hast ascended in thy glorified humanity with great triumph into thy kingdom in heaven: we beseech thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us and exalt us unto the same place whither thou, our Saviour, art gone before, who livest and reignest, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the one only God of heaven and earth, world without end. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. S. John xv: 26; xvi: 1–4.

BUT when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues; yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

The Feast of Pentecost,

ALSO CALLED

WHIT SUNDAY.

At Lauds. Ant. 1. When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Alleluia.

2. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Alleluia.

3. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, nor whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Alleluia.

4. The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name: he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Alleluia.

5. If a man love me he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our abode with him. Alleluia.

At Matins. Ant. The Lord gave the word: great was the company of the preachers. Alleluia.

At Vespers. Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in thy holy comfort; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed forever. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. John xiv: 15–31.

IF ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth, whom the world can not receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, (not Iscariot,) Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet pres-

ent with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father: and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

First Sunday after Pentecost.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CITY.

At Lauds. Ant. 1. And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day there shall be one Lord, and his name one. Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

2. Weep not! behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah: the Root of David hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. Alleluia.

3. And I, John, saw the Holy City New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Alleluia.

4. And the nations of them that are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. Alleluia.

5. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. Alleluia.

At Matins and Vespers. Ant. Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a joy. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, our Lord Jesus Christ, who, at thy spiritual advent in power and great glory, dost make all things new, both in heaven and upon earth: grant that thy holy city, the New Jerusalem, may descend into our hearts, and thy kingdom be built up within us: that in doing thy commandments we may enter in through the gates into thy eternal city above, and dwell therein forever; praising and giving thanks unto thee, who livest and reignest, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mat. xxviii: 18–20.

AND Jesus came, and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Second Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. O Lord, how manifold are thy works: in wisdom hast thou made them all.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xvi: 19–31.

THERE was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day. And there

was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried: and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they who would pass from hence to you can not; neither can they pass to us that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Third Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless his holy name.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xiv: 16-24.

A CERTAIN man made a great supper, and bade many; and sent his servant at supper-time to say to them that were bidden, Come, for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I can not come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness: and his wonderful works to the children of men.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xv: 1-10.

THEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and Scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke vi: 36-42.

BE ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again. And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master; but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints bless thee.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke v: 1-11.

AND it came to pass, that as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were

washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now, when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering, said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: and so was also James and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all and followed him.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. v: 20-26.

JESUS said unto his disciples, Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill: and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell-fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem: so is the Lord round about his people forevermore.

THE COLLECT.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mark viii: 1-9.

IN those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his

disciples unto him, and saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: and if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way; for divers of them came from far. And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness? And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. And they had a few small fishes; and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand. And he sent them away.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. The eternal God is thy refuge: and underneath are the everlasting arms.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. vii: 15-23.

BEWARE of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits: Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree can not bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people.

THE COLLECT.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to govern the hearts of thy faithful servants; and that they may by thy bounty obtain thy good things, grant them first of all to desire that which is good: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xvi: 1-9.

THERE was a certain rich man which had a steward: and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship; I can not dig, to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And

he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then, said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely; for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him: cast thy burden on the Lord and he shall sustain thee.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, the Bestower of peace and Lover of charity, grant to thy servants a true agreement with thy will, that we may be delivered from all the temptations which attack us, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xix: 41-48.

AND when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee: and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another: because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought, saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves. And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests, and the scribes, and the chief of the people sought to destroy him, and could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. In the multitude of my thoughts within me: thy comforts delight my soul.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who resistest the proud and givest grace to the humble; grant, we beseech thee, that we may not exalt ourselves and offend thee, but bow down and receive the gifts of thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xviii: 9-14.

AND he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord: and teachest him out of thy law.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but of thine infinite compassion and love, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mark vii: 31-37.

JESUS, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; and were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well; he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. The angel of the Lord encampeth about them that fear him: and delivereth them.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke x: 23-37.

BLESSED are the eyes which see the things that ye see. For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. And behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and, when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and, when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the

thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. As the hart panteth after the water brooks: so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xvii: 11-19.

AND it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off; and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering, said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. The Lord will command his loving-kindness in the daytime: and in the night his song shall be with me.

THE COLLECT.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee can not but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St Mat. vi: 24-34.

NO man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other: or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye can not serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink: nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on: is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns: yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, what shall we drink? or, wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church: and, because it can not continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore, by thy help and goodness, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke vii: 11–17.

AND it came to pass the day after, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier, (and they that bare him stood still,) and he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak: and he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all, and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us, and that God hath visited his people. And this rumor of him went forth throughout all Judea, and throughout all the region round about.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. Return unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so dost thou not forsake those whose whole reliance is in thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xiv: 1–11.

IT came to pass, as Jesus went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees, to eat bread on the Sabbath-day, that they watched him. And behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath-day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go: and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath-day? And they could not answer him again to these things. And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms: saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room, lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher; then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. Thou art my refuge and my portion: in the land of the living.

THE COLLECT.

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow

thee, the only God; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mat. xxii: 34-46.

WHEN the Pharisees had heard that Jesus had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, who was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy foot-stool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word; neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. Thou wilt guide me with thy counsel: and afterward receive me to glory.

THE COLLECT.

IT is good for us to hold fast by thee, O Lord: but do thou so increase in us the desire of good, that the hope which joins us to thee may not be shaken by any wavering of faith, but may endure in steadfastness of love: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mat. ix: 1-8.

AND he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus, seeing their faith, said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitude saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. O how great is thy goodness: which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who makest all things profitable to them that love thee; grant to our hearts an invincible power of love, that the desires which have been conceived by thine inspiration may not be changed by any temptation: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mat. xxii: 2-14.

THE kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, who made a marriage for his son; and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding; and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants,

and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth, and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burnt up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they who were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all, as many as they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding-garment. And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding-garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant Mine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation: a tabernacle that shall not be taken down.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who hast taught thy Church to keep all thy heavenly commandments, by loving thee and our neighbour: grant us the spirit of peace and grace, that thy universal family may be both devoted to thee with their whole heart and united to each other with a pure will; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GOSPEL. St. John iv: 47–54.

THERE was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did when he was come out of Judea into Galilee.

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. Trust in the Lord and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

THE COLLECT.

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness: that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mat. xviii: 21–35

PETER said unto Jesus, Lord how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times: but until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him which owed him ten thousand talents.

But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow-servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. My soul wait thou only upon God: for my expectation is from him.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness: be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church: and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mat. xxii: 15-22.

THEN went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent unto him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, what thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Show me the tribute-money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image, and superscription? They say unto him, Cesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Cesar, the things which are Cesar's: and unto God, the things that are God's. When they had heard these words they marveled, and left him, and went their way.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

Ant. Turn ye to the stronghold: ye prisoners of hope.

THE COLLECT.

INCLINE our heart, O Lord, unto thy testimonies, and turn it away from beholding vanity: that thou mayest detach us from the undue love of earthly things, and unite our affections to things above: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mat. ix: 18-26.

WHILE Jesus spake these things unto John's disciples, behold, there came a certain ruler and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead; but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so

did his disciples. (And behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment; for she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.) And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, he said unto them, Give place; for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

¶ *If there be more than one Sunday remaining before Advent Sunday, the Service of those Sundays that were omitted after Epiphany shall be taken in to supply so many as are here wanting; and if there be fewer, the overplus may be omitted, provided that the Antiphon, Collect, and Gospel here following shall always be read on the Sunday next before Advent.*

The Sunday next before Advent.

Ant. And at midnight there was a cry raised: behold, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him.

THE COLLECT.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mat. xxv: 1-13.

THEN shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily, I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

Festivals of the Apostles.

Ant. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations: and in them the names of the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy holy city New Jerusalem on twelve foundations, in which are the names of the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb; maintain, we beseech thee, thy Church in the perfect doctrine of thy holy Word, that our minds may ever rest in the same with all security and confidence; through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke xxii: 14-30.

AND when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer. For I say unto you, I will not any more eat

thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. But behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. And truly the Son of Man goeth as it was determined: but wo unto that man by whom he is betrayed! And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing. And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth. Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations; and I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Evangelists.

Ant. The words that I speak unto you: they are spirit and they are life.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God who hast through thy chosen Evangelists revealed divine truth to thy Church; give us grace that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may remain steadfast in thine eternal and ever-living word, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Gospel is the same as for Sexagesima Sunday.*

The Annunciation.

Ant. And the angel came in unto her and said, Hail, thou that art full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that as we have known thine incarnation by the message of an angel, so by thy divine truth we may be regenerate in thy image and likeness to the glory of thy holy name, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke i: 26–38.

AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a Virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the Virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not

a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God. And behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren: for with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

St. John the Baptist.

Ant. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his way.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born and sent to prepare thy way by preaching of repentance: make us truly to repent after his preaching, and after his example constantly to speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake, through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Luke i: 57–80.

ELISABETH'S full time came that she should be delivered: and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her: and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child: and they called him Zacharias after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing-table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marveled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill-country of Judea. And all they that had heard them, laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be? And the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David: as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life. And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us; to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit; and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

The sending of the Twelve Apostles.

(*See T. C. R.* 791.)

Ant. He shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet: and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, who didst send out on this day thy twelve apostles to preach throughout the whole spiritual world the gospel of thine everlasting kingdom: grant that we who confess and adore in thy Divine Person all the fullness of the Godhead, may so obey thee in a life of holiness and true charity that at the last we may come to thine eternal joys: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the only God of heaven and earth, world without end. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mat. xxiv: 29-35.

IMMEDIATELY after the tribulation of those days, shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Now learn a parable of the fig-tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

The Innocents' Day.

Ant. These are they who follow the Lamb: whithersoever he goeth.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, our Father in heaven, whose face the angels of innocent children do always behold: grant us here so to live in innocence and humility that we may hereafter share the eternal joys of thy presence: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mat. xviii: 1-10.

AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily, I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me. But, whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Wo unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but wo to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore, if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee; it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell-fire. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven

All Saints' Day.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BLESSED DEPARTED.

Ant. Come ye blessed of my Father: inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thy heaven of angels and thy church upon earth into the communion and fellowship of thy mystical body: we bless thee for all thy faithful servants gone hence in thy love and fear: beseeching thee to grant us so to follow their good example that with them we may come to share the unspeakable joys which thou hast laid up for those who unfeignedly love thee: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL. St. Mat. v: 1–12.

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain; and when he was set, his disciples came unto him. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

PRAYERS, &c.,

TO BE USED IN PRIVATE OR IN THE FAMILY.

Daily Devotions.

¶ *On rising in the morning say:*

I laid me down and slept; I awaked for the Lord sustained me. Glory be to thee O Lord.

¶ *Read in private, or with the assembled household, if convenient, the Office of Morning Praise; or else one of the proper Psalms and the Lesson: saying, after the Lesson:*

V.—My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord: *R.*—In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will look up. *V.*—O Lord hear, &c. *R.*—And let, &c.

¶ *Repeat the Morning Prayers and conclude thus:*

The Lord keep our going out and our coming in from this time forth and evermore. *Amen.*

AT THE MORNING MEAL

Repeat one of the following Sentences or Prayers:

Our Father who art in the heavens; give us this day our daily bread. *Amen.*

God be merciful unto us and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us. *Amen.*

How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house, and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. *Amen.*

Shew us thy ways, O Lord, teach us thy paths: lead us in

thy truth, and teach us: for thou art the God of our salvation, on thee do we wait all the day. *Amen.*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever. *Amen.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases: who satisfieth thy mouth with good so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles. *Amen.*

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name to be praised. *Amen.*

WE thank thee O Lord for the light of this day and for thy mercies which are new every morning: grant that while we are nourished by thy bounty we may live in thy fear and in love one to another; to the praise of thy holy name. *Amen.*

AT THE NOONDAY MEAL.

The eyes of all wait upon thee O Lord, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thanks be to thee, O God. *Amen.*

Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with his benefits, even the God of our salvation. *Amen.*

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. *Amen.*

Trust in the Lord and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart. *Amen.*

Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. *Amen.*

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good,—for his mercy

is forever: he satisfieth the longing soul; and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. *Amen.*

O give thanks unto the God of heaven; who giveth food to all flesh; for his mercy endureth forever. *Amen.*

BLESS to us, O Lord, what thy bounty has provided and give us grateful hearts. *Amen.*

AT THE EVENING MEAL.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. *Amen.*

I will extol thee O Lord, for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. *Amen.*

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening: O Lord how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all. The earth is full of thy riches. *Amen.*

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. *Amen.*

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee. *Amen.*

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes. *Amen.*

Return unto thy rest O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. *Amen.*

BLESS to us, O Lord, these thy gifts; and fill our souls with the bread of life which cometh down from heaven: for thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

¶ *Or these Prayers.*

GRANT us O Lord, with grateful hearts to adore thee, the Giver of all blessings, and to employ the gifts of thy goodness in holy and useful living, to the glory of thy name. *Amen.*

BLESS to us, O Lord, these thy gifts: and while we are nourished from day to day by thy bounty, grant that we may labour for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life. through thy mercy. *Amen.*

WE thank thee, O Lord, for these thy gifts, and for thy merciful protection *during the night* [*or* for thy merciful protection and guidance *during the day*] that is past: grant that this *night* [*or* this *day*] may be passed in peace and without sin: and that so, living in thy holy fear, we may utter thy praises with unfeigned lips. *Amen.*

¶ *Before retiring at night say:*

I will lay me down in peace and sleep: for thou Lord only makest me dwell in safety. Thanks be to thee, O God.

¶ *Read the Complin, or a proper Psalm, and the Lesson, saying, after the lesson:*

V.—Into thy hands O Lord I commit my spirit: *R.*—Thou hast redeemed me O Lord God of Truth. *V.*—O Lord hear, &c.: *R.*—And let, &c.

¶ *Repeat the Evening Prayers, concluding thus:*

V.—The Lord grant us his peace: *R.*—And life eternal. *Amen.*

Morning Prayers.

THE night is passed. I bless thee, O Lord, and I pray thee to keep me during this day from all sin, and save me O Lord!

I worship and pray to thee, O Jesus Christ, my God, my King, my Saviour; keep me, O Lord, that I may glorify thee and have mercy upon me forever, according to thy will!

O thou true Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world; thou didst come into this world out of love for us men, and the whole creation rejoices at thy coming: Thou hast called me, O Lord, to an inheritance in the kingdom of light: with thy holy angels I will therefore sing to thee and praise thee!

I give thee thanks, O heavenly Father, who art compassionate, and full of mercy and truth, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: I would thank thee for every thing that I have, through

every thing that I am, and in every thing that I do: for that thou hast hitherto protected and aided me, preserved and sheltered me, comforted and upheld me; and hast brought me safe until this hour. And I pray and entreat thee, O thou who lovest all men, of thy great goodness, to grant that I may spend this and every other day of my life in peace and in thy fear. Ward off from me, from all thy people, and from this place, all hatred, all temptations, all efforts of evil spirits, all counsels of wicked men, all approach of enemies secret or known. And provide for me what is good and useful to me, and lead me not into temptation but deliver me from evil. May thy grace, mercy and peace be upon me, O Lord God, my Savior Jesus Christ: to whom belong all honour and glory, might and worship: now and ever. *Amen.*

I THANK thee, O Lord my God, for that thou hast awakened me from the rest of sleep, by thy great mercy: awaken my mind to righteousness, O Lord, that my eyes may see thy salvation. May thy holiness come and dwell in me this day, and may thy mercy preserve and keep me thy servant, and make me worthy at all times, by night and day, to think of the love of thy commandments and with thanksgiving to praise thee our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who art God over all, blessed forever. *Amen.*

O THOU who hast blessed me with the light of this day, who causest thy sun to rise on the just and on the unjust, lighten my heart, O Lord of all: and grant me grace that I may live this day to please thee: deliver me from all evil and from the power of the adversary: give me strength, O Lord, from day to day to fulfill the duties of my station: give me to bear, O my Saviour, thy easy burden; that I may stand fast in thy commandments, and do at all times only that which is agreeable to thee: that so I may, with thy holy angels, bless and praise and give thanks and glory to thee on high: now and evermore. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our eyes, O Lord, lest we sleep the sleep of death. We give thee thanks, Holy Lord, Father Almighty, who hast in thy mercy brought us through the night to the hours of morning; pour, we beseech thee, thy holy light into our souls, that we may be ready devoutly and gladly to serve thee, by whose wisdom we were created, and by whose providence we are sustained: that so we may pass this and all our days in peace and without sin, and at eventide may again give thanks to thee, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord Jesus, that I may persevere in all good purposes, and in thy holy service unto my life's end: and that I may this day begin more perfectly than I have hitherto done. *Amen.*

LORD and Master of my life, save me this day from a spirit of idleness, of discouragement, of ambition, and of idle and frivolous talk. And grant me, thy servant, a spirit of temperance, of humility, of patience and of love. Yea, my Lord, O King, give me to see my own offenses, and not to judge or blame my brother: for thou art blessed forevermore. *Amen.*

INTO thy hands, O Lord, we commit our spirits, our souls and our bodies: for thou hast created and redeemed them, O Lord God Almighty: and together with ourselves all our relations, and those who are most dear to us, especially any who are in distress of mind or body, in sickness or temptation. Preserve us, O Lord, we beseech thee from all evil, and order all our ways this and every day, in peace, according to thy will. *Amen.*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord bless us, and lift up the light of his countenance upon us, this day and forevermore. *Amen.*

Evening Prayers.

LET my prayer, O Lord, be set forth before thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

The sun is set and the day is gone. I bring thee an offering

of praise and thanksgiving, O King Eternal! May thy right hand of power and might keep me from all assaults of the enemy.

The day is gone. I thank thee, O Lord, and I pray thee to grant me grace to spend this evening and night without sin: and keep me, my Saviour! *Amen.*

O LORD! how much have I sinned against thee this day, in thought, in word, in deed! How are my good resolves broken, my vows forgotten; how weak and foolish have I been before thee, O holy and all-seeing God!

Ah! How shall I stand in the judgment, O Lord, when the book of my life is opened before thee, and when for every idle word I must give account! For who shall stand when thou appearest O Lord! for thou art like a refiner's fire.

O Lord, be merciful to me a sinner. Give me grace to search out and know my sins and to sincerely repent of them in ceasing to commit them. O my Saviour, thou hast overcome the world: give me strength that I may withstand the enemy and endure faithfully to the end: and grant to me and all thy faithful servants, O Lord, that peace which the world can neither give nor take away: for thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

IN the evening, and morning and noonday we praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee and pray thee, O Lord and Master of all; let not our hearts turn away to words or thoughts of wickedness, but rescue us from all dangers of the soul. For to thee, Lord, our eyes look up, and in thee is our hope: let us never be confounded! *Amen.*

WE give thee thanks, O Lord, who hast preserved us through this day: we give thee thanks, who wilt be our protector through the night. Bring us, O Lord, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours: that we may rise refreshed and renewed in body and soul, to serve thee with gladness, and to praise thee the Giver of all good, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MOST merciful Lord Jesus, mortify in me all vices, unholy affections, and unruly passions. Take away from me whatever is unlawful, inordinate, or displeasing in thy sight; and give me a heart after thine own, upright, simple, pure, and godly, and deliver and keep me from all sin. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL Lord Jesus, preserve me from all evil, vain, proud thoughts, and unchaste affections: grant that I may sincerely seek thee alone and in thee only take my rest. *Amen.*

TO thy merciful keeping I commit me and those who are near and dear to me: and do thou, O blessed Lord, give us thy peace now and evermore.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord bless and keep us, this night and forevermore. *Amen.*

Occasional Prayers.

At a Family Reunion.

Ps. 33. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, &c.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, in whose merciful hands are all our coming in and going out: we thank thee for thy good Providence by which we have been preserved and are enabled to meet together in joy this day: grant, we pray thee, that we may be not forgetful of thy mercies, but that as we rejoice in thee in the hour of prosperity and gladness, so we may surely trust in thee in the day of trial, knowing that thou art good to all and that thy mercies are over all thy works: and to thee be praise and glory forever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

At a Marriage Feast.

Ps. 128. Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord, &c.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who art the source of all blessing and the Author of every happy and good thing in our lives: let, we pray thee, our beginning and our ending be in thee. Grant us thy blessing on this occasion of joy: and

let our hearts be moved by thy goodness and bounty to a life of grateful devotion to thy holy will and of godly love one to another: for thy mercy's sake, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

In Times of Affliction.

Ps. 31. In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust, &c.

O GOD who art a shelter for us and a strong tower from the enemy, hear our prayers which we make unto thee when our hearts are overwhelmed, and lead us to the Rock that is higher than ourselves: that, trusting in thy sure protection and guidance, we may daily perform our vows and render praise unto thy name forever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Itinerary.

PRAYERS BEFORE OR ON A JOURNEY.

Ant. He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Ps. 139. O Lord thou hast searched me, &c.

Ps. 91. He that dwelleth in the secret place, &c.

Ps. 107. O give thanks unto the Lord, &c.

Let us pray.

V.—O Lord save thy servants: *R.*—Who put their trust in thee. *V.*—Send us help from the Sanctuary: *R.*—And defend us out of Zion. *V.*—Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength: *R.*—From the face of the enemy. *V.*—Every day will we bless thee, O Lord: *R.*—And praise thy name forever. *V.*—Show us thy ways, O Lord: *R.*—Teach us thy paths. *V.*—O send out thy light and thy truth: *R.*—Let them lead us. *V.*—Let them bring us unto thy holy hill: *R.*—And to thy tabernacles. *V.*—O Lord, hear, &c.: *R.*—And let, &c.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help: that in all

our works begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who fillest all things with thy presence, who compassest our path whithersoever we go, and art acquainted with all our ways: send, we pray thee, thy holy angel to be our guide and protector on our way, and prosper thou our journey to thy glory, and if it be thy will, to the successful accomplishment of our own purposes, and a safe and peaceful return unto our homes. Preserve us from all sin, that we may serve thee in thankfulness and obedience all the days of our pilgrimage. Bless the home also we have left behind, and all that remain in it, that at whatsoever distance we be from one another, we may all live and walk in the same spirit of faith and holiness and love. And, in the end of our pilgrimage, bring us all together into that blessed rest which thou hast prepared for thy people: through thy mercy, O Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we commend ourselves and all ours, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord direct us in the way of peace and prosperity: that we, running the straight path of his commandments, may, when the journey of our earthly life is over, reach with joy our heavenly and eternal home. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

V.—Let us go on our way in peace:

R.—In the name of the Lord. *Amen.*

LET a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup.—[1 *Cor.* xi: 28.]

Is not the Holy Supper a Sacrament of repentance, and hence an introduction into heaven? For is it not declared to the Communicants that they must do the work of repentance before they approach? [A. R. 531.]

THE DOCTRINE

CONCERNING REPENTANCE, SELF-EXAMINATION, CONFESSION AND THE REMISSION OF SINS.

HE who wishes to be saved must confess his sins, and do the work of repentance.

To confess sins, is to know one's evils, to see them in himself, to acknowledge them, to make himself guilty, and to condemn himself on account of them. This, when it is done before God, is the confession of sins.

To do the work of repentance, is,—after a man has thus confessed his sins and, from an humble heart, has made supplication for remission, to desist from them, and to live a new life according to the precepts of charity and faith.

He who only acknowledges generally that he is a sinner, and makes himself guilty of all evils, and yet does not explore himself, that is, see his sins, makes confession indeed, but not the confession of repentance; he, because he does not know his own evils, lives afterward as before.

He who lives the life of charity and faith does the work of repentance daily; he reflects upon the evils which are with him, he acknowledges them, he guards against them, he supplicates the Lord for help. For man of himself continually lapses toward evil, but he is continually raised by the Lord, and led to good. Such is the state of those who are in good; but they who are in evil lapse continually, and are also continually elevated by the Lord, but are only withdrawn from falling into the most grievous evils, to which of themselves they tend with all their power.

The man who explores himself in order to do the work of repentance, must explore his thoughts and the intentions of his will, and must there examine what he would do if it were permitted him, that is, if he were not afraid of the laws, and of the loss of reputation, honor and gain. There the evils of man reside, and the evils which he does in the body are all from thence. They who do not explore the evils of their thought and will, can not do the work of repentance, for they think and will afterwards as they did before, and yet to will evils is to do them. This is self-examination.

Repentance of the mouth and not of the life is not repentance, and sins are not remitted by means of repentance of the mouth, but by repentance of the life. Sins are indeed continually remitted to man by the Lord, for he is mercy itself, but still they adhere to man, however he may suppose that they are remitted; nor are they removed from him but by a life according to the precepts of true faith. So far as he lives according to those precepts, so far his sins are removed; and so far as they are removed, so far are they remitted.

It is supposed that sins are wiped away, or are washed off, as filth is by water, when they are remitted; but sins are not wiped away, but they are removed; that is, man is withheld from them when he is kept in good by the Lord; and when he is kept in good it appears as if he were without them, thus as if they were wiped away; and so far as man is reformed, so far he is capable of being kept in good. He who supposes that sins are in any other manner remitted, is very much deceived.

The signs that sins are remitted, that is, removed, are these which follow. They whose sins are remitted, perceive a delight in worshipping God for the sake of God, and in serving their neighbor for the sake of their neighbor, thus in doing good for the sake of good, and in speaking truth for the sake of truth; they are unwilling to claim merit by any thing of charity and faith; they shun and are averse to evils, as enmities, hatreds, revenges, adulteries, and the very thoughts of such things with

intention. But the signs that sins are not remitted, that is, removed, are these which follow. They whose sins are not remitted, worship God not for the sake of God, and serve their neighbor not for the sake of their neighbor, thus they do not do good and speak truth for the sake of good and truth, but for the sake of themselves and the world: they wish to claim merit by their deeds; they perceive nothing undelightful in evils, as in enmity, in hatred, in revenge, in adulteries; and from these evils they think of them in all licentiousness.

The repentance which takes place in a free state is of avail, but that which takes place in a state of compulsion is of no avail. States of compulsion are states of sickness, states of dejection of mind in consequence of misfortune, states of imminent death, as also every state of fear which takes away the use of reason. He who is evil, and in a state of compulsion promises repentance and also does good, when he comes into a free state, returns to his former life of evil; the case is otherwise with one who is good.

After a man has explored himself, and acknowledged his sins, and done the work of repentance, he must remain constant in good even to the end of life. For if he afterwards relapses into his former evil life, and embraces it, he commits profanation, for he then conjoins evil with good; whence his latter state becomes worse than his former, according to the words of the Lord: "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first."—*S. Mat.* xii: 43. [H. D. 159.]

Devotions,

To Precede and to Accompany the Holy Communion.

¶ *A Prayer to God that He would be pleased to assist us in our preparation to receive the blessed Sacrament.*

I PROSTRATE myself before Thee, O blessed Jesus, my most gracious God and merciful Father, in an humble acknowledgment of my unworthiness, and insufficiency of myself for any thing that is good, I know, O Lord, that without Thee I can do nothing; and therefore do humbly implore Thy gracious assistance and acceptance of my endeavors to prepare myself for the worthy receiving of the Holy Sacrament of Thy precious Body and Blood.

Stir up, I beseech Thee, such pious affections and dispositions in my soul as are suitable to this important occasion: grant me such a sense of my sins as may affect my heart with a deep sorrow for them, and an eternal hatred and displeasure against them; and such a sense of Thy mercies as may effectually engage me to love and live to Thee, who hast loved me at so dear a rate as to come down from heaven and suffer death to seek and to save me. And let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

¶ *The preparation necessary to the worthy attendance on the Holy Supper involves the following particulars.*

1. Self-examination.
2. Confession and repentance of evils as sins.
3. A steadfast purpose to lead a new life, according to the divine commandments.
4. Charity with all men.

¶ *A Prayer before self-examination.*

HEAR the voice of my humble petition, O Lord, now I cry unto Thee, and lift up mine hands toward Thy mercy-seat. Behold, Lord, now I am about to search into my own heart: but alas! my heart is deceitful and desperately wicked, who can know it? Thou, therefore, who searchest the heart and triest the reins, discover to me all the evil and deceit of my own heart, that I may confess, lament, and forsake them, and obtain mercy. Hear me and help me for Thy mercy's sake, O Jesus my Savior. Amen.

¶ *A Particular enumeration of Sins against God and our Neighbor, for the easier Examination of our lives, very proper to be used frequently, but especially before receiving the Holy Sacrament.*

I ADJURE thee, O my soul, in the presence of the Great Judge, who knows all the secrets of thine heart, and as thou wilt answer before his judgment-seat at the last day, to tell me—

I.

What sins art thou guilty of more immediately against God?

Art thou guilty of any infidelity or atheism; any distrust in, or despair of God's mercy?

Art thou guilty of any willful ignorance of God, or of any idolatry in worshiping any creature?

Hast thou loved any thing more than God, or feared any one above him?

Art thou guilty of repining or murmuring at God's providence, or of being impatient under His correction?

Hast thou been unthankful for His mercies, disobedient to His commands, or incorrigible under His judgments?

When, and in what manner, hast thou been guilty of dishonoring God by blasphemous and irreligious thoughts or discourses, or by tamely hearing others blaspheme?

Hast thou taken God's holy name in vain, by customary

or false swearing, or by the breach of any lawful oath or solemn vow?

Hast thou misspent the Lord's day, neglected to attend the public worship of God, or been unprofitable under the means of grace?

Hast thou dishonored God by coldness and wanderings, indevotion, and carelessness in thy prayers, or by any weariness in His service, or by a total neglect thereof?

Hast thou hardened thyself in impenitence, putting off the day of repentance? Hast thou rested in a superficial and partial repentance, or frequently relapsed into sin, and resisted the good motions of God's spirit?

Art thou guilty of pride, either in apparel, or on account of thy estate, or credit, thy faculties, or good deeds? Art thou guilty of commending thyself, or of being greedy of the praise of men; of performing religious duties to gain applause, or of committing sin to avoid reproach?

Hast thou been greedy of riches, or of sensual pleasures?

Hast thou been guilty of violent anger, or inconsideration, inconstancy, or discontent?

Hast thou misspent thy time, been weak to resist temptations, or abused the talents with which God hath intrusted thee, in sin and wickedness?

Hast thou been guilty of intemperance in eating, drinking, or sleeping, or in lawful recreations?

Hast thou been guilty of idleness, uncleanness, lust, fornication, or adultery?

Hast thou taken delight in lewd company, in vicious and immodest songs, books, pictures, etc.

Hast thou not only committed these sins thyself, but taken pleasure in them that do them?

II

O, my soul, what sins art thou guilty of, more especially against thy neighbor?

How, when, where, against whom, hast thou been guilty of any injury, injustice, or oppression; any breach of trust or of promise; of any fraud or theft; of any flattery or dissimulation; of treachery or lying; or of giving any just scandal?

How, when, where, against whom, hast thou been guilty of any ill-language, detraction, or slander; of any rash censuring or backbiting; of any contempt or scoffing, either at his infirmities or virtues?

How, when, where, against whom, hast thou been guilty of any contentiousness, spite, or revenge; of railing at, or of hurting, or of murdering thy neighbor in thy mind by ill-wishes and curses?

Hast thou been guilty of bearing false witness, or of coveting the possessions of others?

Hast thou been unthankful to those who have done thee good?

Hast thou been uncharitable to the poor, or unkind to those among whom thou livest?

Hast thou tempted others to sin by connivance or encouragement, by command or persuasion, and increased thy own damnation by furthering that of thy brother?

Hast thou, in any instance, done to another what thou wouldst be unwilling he should do unto thee?

¶ *When you examine yourself by this catalogue, pause awhile on every particular, and where you think yourself not guilty, say,* "Glory be to Thee, O Lord, for preserving me from this sin."

When your conscience pleads guilty, say, "Lord have mercy upon me, and forgive me this sin."

¶ *A prayer after self-examination.*

O LORD God, I have now, by Thy assistance, considered my own evil ways. O Thou, who alone knowest the heart, and who only canst change it, create in me such a broken and contrite heart as Thou hast promised not to despise, and

so deep a sense of my own sin and misery, that my repentance may bear some proportion to my guilt. Pardon all my failings, and perfect that good work Thou hast begun in me, for Thy mercy's sake, O Jesus my Savior. *Amen.*

¶ *A penitent Confession of Sins, with an humble supplication for Mercy and Forgiveness.*

O ALMIGHTY God, our everlasting Father and Redeemer, glorious in holiness, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast declared from heaven Thy just abhorrence at all unrighteousness of men, I desire to humble my soul before Thee in a deep sense of my own unworthiness and vileness, by reason of the many sins and transgressions I have been guilty of against Thy Divine Majesty, by thought, word, and deed. [*Here name the particulars.*] These, my transgressions, with more than I can recollect or number, are all in Thy sight, O Lord, and my most secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

But where, and to whom can I flee for pardon and succor, but to Thee, O Lord! who art merciful, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness, keeping mercy for thousands, and pardoning iniquity in sin? Vouchsafe, therefore, O gracious God, for Thy name's sake, to look upon me with an eye of pity and compassion, and blot out, as a thick cloud, my transgressions, and as a cloud, my sins; be merciful to my unrighteousness, and my sins and iniquities remember Thou no more. For this purpose, lead me to that repentance unto salvation not to be repented of. Imprint on my heart so fixed an aversion, and so just a sense of the frightful consequences of sin, that I may no longer turn Thy grace into lasciviousness, but flee from all iniquity as from the face of a serpent. May I make it the future business of my life to keep Thy commandments always, seeking above all things Thy favor, which is better than life itself.

But, O Lord, I am not able to do these things of myself·

my frequent backslidings make me justly distrust the sincerity of my heart, which is deceitful above all things. I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself; from Thee only cometh my help. Help, Lord, or I perish. O God of all grace, who hast promised to give Thy Holy Spirit to them that ask it, be it unto me according to Thy Word. Vouchsafe, I most humbly and earnestly beseech Thee, Thy Divine help and assistance, to strengthen my weakness, to succor me in temptations, and to sanctify me throughout, that my whole spirit, soul, and body, may be preserved blameless unto the coming of thy kingdom. *Amen.*

AT THE CELEBRATION.

¶ *A Meditation on the Institution of the blessed Sacrament.*

WORTHY art Thou, O blessed Jesus, to be obeyed in all that Thou commandest us! Worthy art Thou for whose sake we shall do this! When Thy own bitter agony was just approaching, Thou wast even forgetful of Thyself to think of us; and in the very night wherein Thou wast betrayed, didst ordain this most powerful means of grace, these sacred pledges of Thy love, to be the perpetual food and nourishment, the strengthening and refreshing of our souls. O, how earnestly were Thy thoughts engaged, how wert Thou wholly taken up with this great and important design! And, therefore, waiting and wishing for that last passover, when Thou hadst formed that mighty purpose of instituting this blessed ordinance of Thy Holy Supper, and with the most affecting tenderness of the strongest love didst profess—"With desire have I desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." And after this, could it ever have been expected, from any of Thy followers, that they should have no desire

to partake of this holy Sacrament; that they should, in such numbers, contrive to make excuse, one going to his farm, and another to his merchandise? O, let Thy earnestness and zeal awaken our careless, carnal, worldly hearts, to consider our duty and interest in doing what Thou commandest us, in doing this in remembrance of Thee! Grant that we may remember ourselves, and be convinced that we are lost and ruined forever if we do not remember Thee. O Jesus! Thy commands are not grievous; they are full of comfort and delight: they are the straight and necessary paths to everlasting happiness; and this command, most delightful in itself, and most apt to enable us to obey the rest. Alas! it is not for Thy sake, but our own; it is for our sake and our salvation that Thou wouldst be remembered by us. Thou canst reap no benefit, no advantage from such careless creatures as we are. Ah! foolish and unwise! how do we forsake and renounce our own interest, and run headlong into ruin and perdition, when we forget, when we refuse to remember Thee! "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib;" but more stupid and insensible, more stubborn and ungrateful, are we, who forget God our Savior, and will not, in this holy Sacrament, remember Him, who in his love and in his pity redeemed us. Lord, if I do not remember Thee, "let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, and my right hand forget her cunning;" let me have no power nor faculty at all to rebel against Thee, if I have none to remember and obey Thee. O, that I may remember Thee at all times, and that my song may be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord, and especially, according to Thy appointment, at Thy holy table! O, let me ever say, from the very inmost of my heart, and with all the powers of my soul, Blessed Jesus, Thy love is dearer than life, and stronger than death, and most worthy to be had in everlasting remembrance!

HYMN.—*Ecce panis Angelorum.*

LO! upon the altar lies,
Hidden deep from human eyes,
Bread of angels from the skies,
Made the food of mortal man:
Children's meat to dogs denied;
In old types foresignified
In the manna heaven supplied,
Isaac and the Paschal Lamb.

Jesus! shepherd of the sheep!
Thou Thy flock in safety keep.
Living Bread! Thy life supply;
Strengthen us, or else we die;
Fill us with celestial grace,
Thou who feedest us below!
Source of all we have or know!
Grant that with Thy saints above,
Sitting at the feast of love,
We may see Thee face to face. Amen.

¶ *At going up to the Altar.*

IN the multitude of Thy tender mercies, O Lord God, do I now approach Thine altar. O pardon my sins, for I am a sinful creature, O Lord; and look not upon mine unworthiness, but upon those motives which drew me hither, even my own miseries and thy tender mercies: therefore help me to supply in humility what I want in worthiness, and let my bended knees and contrite heart show that I durst not have come hither had not Thy mercy invited me, by saying—"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

¶ *Before receiving the Bread.*

Lord Jesus, I am not worthy of the crumbs which fall from Thy table, and yet Thou givest unto me the bread of life.

Evermore give me this bread, that I may eat thereof and live for ever.

¶ *After receiving the Bread.*

Grant, O merciful Lord, that by this, Thy precious body, my soul may be nourished in all pure love to Thee and to my fellow-creatures; and dwelling thus in Thee, and Thou in me, may ever bring forth the fruit of good works unto Thy praise and glory. *Amen.*

¶ *Before receiving the Cup.*

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

¶ *After receiving the Cup.*

Grant, O merciful Lord, that by this, Thy precious blood, my soul may be nourished in all pure and heavenly wisdom, and thereby have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh.

¶ *On retiring from the Altar.*

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, and healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies." O merciful Jesus, may that heavenly food which Thou hast now fed me with transfuse new life and new vigor into my soul, and into the souls of all those who have been partakers with me of this Holy Communion, that our faith, hope, and charity may daily increase, and that we may all grow in Thy grace, and in the knowledge of Thee, our God and Savior. *Amen.*

¶ *A prayer in private, after receiving the Holy Sacrament.*

O LORD our Heavenly Father, how plentiful is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee,

which Thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in Thy mercy, even before the sons of men! I praise and magnify Thy great and glorious name, O Lord, for all those manifold mercies and blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon me ever since I was born. O Lord God, Thou hast been my trust from my youth; by Thee have I been holden up from the womb; my praise shall continually be of Thee. Enable me, O Lord, through Thy gracious assistance, to perform the conditions of that sacramental covenant which I have this day so solemnly renewed and confirmed in Thy presence, and at Thy table; that through the strength and power of that heavenly food I have there been partaker of, I may daily grow in grace, and abound in every good word and work. Help me to subdue all those inordinate lusts and corrupt affections which war against my soul. Purify my mind from all evil intentions and vain thoughts; and suffer neither pride, vain-glory, self-love, malice, hatred, nor revenge, nor any other evil whatsoever, henceforth to reign in me. Let Thy Holy Spirit continually guard me against those numerous temptations which so strongly beset me. Fix my inconstant mind that I may not be led away by the errors of the wicked. and fall from Thee, the rock of my steadfastness; but that I may persevere in good works unto the end. Moderate my affections and desires, that they may be confined to such objects as are well-pleasing in Thy sight. Let thy will be the sole guide and measure of mine, that all my hopes and wishes may center in Thee alone; and that, feeding ever upon Thy body and upon Thy blood in my inner man, I may be continually renewed in Thy heavenly love and wisdom, and thereby be preserved in all virtue and holiness of life unto the coming of Thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

DAILY PREPARATION FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION DURING THE WEEK PRECEDING.

Monday.

The bread which I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. St. John vi.

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. St. Luke xxii.

He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, abideth in me and I in him. St. John vi.

O WONDERFUL condescension of thy tender love towards us, that thou, O Lord God, the Creator and Restorer of all spirits, shouldst vouchsafe to come to the needy soul, and with thy whole divinity and humanity satisfy her hunger.

O happy mind and blessed soul, which is enabled to receive thee, her Lord God, devoutly; to be conjoined with thee in this Holy Communion: and in receiving thee to be filled with spiritual peace and joy.

Let heaven and earth with all their attire be silent in thy presence, O beloved Redeemer; for whatever praise or beauty they have is all the gift of thy bounty, nor can they equal the beauty of thy name, whose wisdom is infinite.

Reflection.

WE have great reason to be humbled before our Lord Jesus Christ when we feel ourselves cold and indifferent in approaching to him, and are induced to receive him in the Holy Sacrament only through obedience and not through

any desire of our souls. How often would this our coldness and insensibility desolate and discourage us, were we not assured that, although deficient in that love which we desire and yet cannot acquire of ourselves, but can only implore of God, still God would have us receive him through obedience and with humility, and in entire patience and trust. For has he not said in his Word, "Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord?"

Come, my soul, in joy array thee;
Leave the realms of sin and sorrow.
Come where shines the Light to cheer thee,
Of its heavenly radiance, borrow.
For the God of thy salvation
Calls thee to his sweet communion:
He the Lord of all creation
Seeks with thee to be in union.

Tuesday.

Reflection.

Those that are well need not a physician, but only those that are sick. St. Matt. ix.

WHAT, O Lord, would become of me, in the dryness and coldness of soul which I experience were I not assured that the miseries of my soul draw down thy mercies upon me, and that thy delight is to dwell in a heart, which, conscious of its unworthiness, yet does all in its power to prepare itself for thee? In truth, after a self-examination and a confession of sins the most sincere and entire of which we are capable, the humble acknowledgment of our unworthiness supplies the place of an ardent desire for the Holy Communion: it is an inmost sense of our need for the spiritual quickening which the Supper of our Lord is designed to supply to us.

Prayer.

LORD JESUS! it is with confidence in thy compassionate words in which I have just reflected that I prepare myself to receive thee, not because I deserve thy favor, but because I have need of thee, and my soul cannot live without thee. It is afflicted with maladies which thou alone canst heal. Come, thou, O my Saviour, and apply a remedy to my wounds, heal the pride of my heart with thy humility, and consume all self-love with the fire of thy divine charity. Come and invest me with thy strength that I may conquer my passions: animate me with thy Spirit that I may seek only to please thee, and to live that heavenly life which is thy gift and which thou wilt bring to me in the Holy Sacrament. *Amen.*

Wednesday.

¶ *On this day practice careful self-examination according to the method on page 88, or otherwise after the rule of the Ten Commandments. Read the* 51st Psalm.

Reflection.

Our secret sins are in the light of thy countenance. Ps. xc.

"He that would be saved must *confess his sins* and *do the work of Repentance.* To confess sins is to know one's evils, to see them in himself, to acknowledge them, to make himself guilty, and to condemn himself on account of them. This when it is done before God is the confession of sins." H. D. 159.

WE should, therefore, before Communion carefully examine our conscience in detail upon our customary faults or evil dispositions. Be not satisfied with examining whether your conscience reproaches you with some great sin; but examine before God and detect even the smallest sins, those most easily committed and knowingly done contrary to the warning of grace within: sins of habit, of attachments,

of natural inclination, or infirmity: sins which you have occasioned in others or in which you have yielded to the enticement of others: hidden sins: sins of desire which would have been sins of act had not outward fear restrained you. Pray for the Divine Grace to come and remove these, and to be withheld hereafter from them.

Prayer.

I COME to thee, O Jesus, as a sick man to his physician seeking to be healed, for I am in sore need of thy healing and helping grace. To thee do I cry with the leper in the Gospel: *Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.* Inspire me with the same holy confidence with which the sick, when thou wast on the earth, presented themselves before thee. Grant that I may say, like them, within myself, *If I may but touch the hem of thy garment*—that is, if I but begin to apply myself by obedience to the life of thy holy law of Truth, which is thy garment of righteousness, *I shall be healed.* Therefore, in like confidence, here, where thou offerest thyself to me, I approach and prostrate myself at thy sacred feet, imploring forgiveness for the sins of my past life, strength to overcome them through thy Word, and a heart to hate and abhor them out of love for thee alone.

Suffer me not to receive thee to my condemnation. I have insulted thy goodness, I have resisted thy grace and the drawings of thy love. Rebuke and chasten me: only let my heart be not lost to thee and all that is good and holy. Come to deliver me, to cleanse me and save me, and to dwell in me evermore, O good and gracious Lord, for thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

Thursday.

Reflection.

A large upper room furnished. There make ready. St. Mark xiv

IF thou wilt have the Lord come to thee and remain with thee purge out the old leaven and make clean the habitation of thy heart. Shut out the world with its tumult of passions, its crowd of foul vices. Stop the voice of anger, of contempt, of malice and of mischievous slander. Put away every feeling of revenge, of jealousy, of envy. Resolve to forget and forgive injuries; to think of the good even in those who have injured thee, and to forget or cease to cherish the thought of their wrongdoing. *Pray for them that persecute you and despitefully use you.* Curb your impatience. Seal your lips against hasty and immoderate speech. Remember him who was *led as a Lamb to the slaughter and yet opened not his mouth.* Quench the flame of vicious desire by unyielding abstinence. Be ye holy who will receive holy things. Close the doors of thy mind below—the thoughts and words by which the hells creep in. Open the doors upward—by prayer, by holy meditation, by acts of resolution and self-consecration. Remember that the Lord invites thee; that he commands thee to do this holy *act of remembrance.* Faithfully do thy part—he will supply what is wanting. Come and receive him! Thou hast need of him, not he of thee. Thy coming will not add to his holiness, but he comes to sanctify thee and to make thee better. Nor is thy careful guarding of thyself afterward less required than thy devout preparation before.

Prayer.

O JESUS, the bread of angels! the divine and necessary nourishment of my soul! what should I be without thee? How truly might I exclaim with the Psalmist, *I am smitten like grass; my heart is withered because I forgot to eat*

my bread! Thou hast said in the Gospel, that if thou shouldest suffer the people who had followed thee into the desert to return fasting to their homes they would faint by the way. Behold me in the desert of my temptations, my emptiness, my want! What faintness shall be mine if thou, my Saviour, dost not sustain me. Weak as I am of myself, and becoming weaker from the neglect of that divine food which is my strength and my spiritual life, I should soon grow feeble and unequal to contend with my evils.

How, O Lord, wilt thou be the God of life and my portion for eternity if I open not my heart to thee and bid thee enter—if I do not seek thee in this holy communion in which thou hast promised to come to me? Behold me prostrate and longing! Supply my need; give me the holy desire that shall make ready the large upper room wherein to welcome thee—come and abide with me, being conjoined forever with me by this the blood of thy new covenant and the bread, whoso eateth of which shall live forever. *Amen.*

Friday.

¶ *On this day perform an "Act of repentance" according to the instructions of the Church's Doctrine in* A. R. 531.

"Actual repentance consists in self-examination; the knowledge and acknowledgment of your sins; in confessing them before the Lord; in imploring help and power to resist them; thus in desisting from them and in leading a new life, doing all these things as of yourselves. Practice this once or twice a year *when you approach the Holy Communion*, and afterward when the sins of which you owned yourself guilty recur, then say to yourselves, We will not consent to them because they are sins against God. *This is actual repentance.*"

¶ *To aid you in that part of actual repentance which consists of supplication and sincere resolution, read the Penitential Psalms and repeat the Litany.*

Reflection.

Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. S. John i.

THE work of repentance begins with self-examination, confession of sins before God, and imploring the divine help and grace to resist them. It does not end here, but without this beginning at some time definitely, deliberately, and earnestly made it will never be done; besides this beginning, however, it includes also the desisting from those sins of which we have made humble confession, and the beginning to lead a new life according to the precepts of charity and faith—*doing all these things as of ourselves.* I must not wait for God to do that which he has appointed me to do. He has given me the water for cleansing: I must apply it. The power, the knowledge, the will to do any thing of good is from him. This I know because it is of faith. Without him I cannot discover my sins; without him I cannot even ask his aid; much less can I desist from sins in sincere and actual repentance. The light of his truth alone can reveal the evils of my heart: he alone can give me a real sorrow for them. And yet while I know and most surely believe this still I must do these things, *as of myself*, in the feeling and with the intent and the purpose that they are and shall be my own free and willing act. This ability to act in freedom—to repent *as of myself*—is thy gift, O God. Grant that I may exercise it in lowly fear, in solemn recognition of the awful duty thou hast herein laid upon me. The *Lamb of God alone taketh away the sins of the world.* He alone will remove my sins in withholding me from them if I implore his help and desist from the outward commission of them. In the holy communion is the Lord Jesus wholly present in his Divine Humanity, with all the fruits and benefits of his redemption—these are deliverance from hell, conjunction with the Lord and salvation. But to enjoy these fruits of a worthy communion I

must prepare myself by voluntary acts of my own will and intention. These acts the Lord cannot perform for me, but he will give me grace to do them as of myself if I implore it of him. *That the Lord may be admitted I must present myself to him, and as the Lord actually presents himself to me I must actually receive him.*

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will go unto the Altar of God; unto God the gladness of my joy.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me?

Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance and my God.

Prayer.

RECEIVE, O Lord Jesus, my most humble thanks for thy institution of this adorable sacrament, whereby my soul may seek conjunction with thee, redemption from hell and admission unto heaven: yea, wherein thou offerest thyself to me and I may eat of thy Divine Body and Blood and live for ever. Accept, I beseech thee, the sincere offering I make of myself to thee—of my whole self, my aims, my hopes, my wishes—for time and for eternity. Come, O Lord, and take possession of this heart which has been so long ungrateful and unfruitful, which has been so little devoted to thee, so much to the world and to itself. Conquer it, make it thine own, that it may hate itself and love thee, that recalling its affections from all else it may devote them wholly to thee, that it may die to itself and live henceforth to thee. Grant me the fruit of a worthy approach to thy table. Let me find in it thy Presence and therewith redemption and the door of heaven. Let it produce in me renewed strength, courage and

constancy to resist and conquer myself, and to be a worthy subject of thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

O how oft my heart in sadness,
Lord, to thee has turned adoring,
Longed to taste thy feast of gladness,
Life and peace to all restoring.
Prince of life, my soul doth languish
For the cup of thy salvation;
Heart and flesh in silent anguish
Make to God this supplication.

Saturday.

Reflection.

Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. . . . For the world passeth away and the lusts thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. 1 John ii.

TO live rightly at the present is to be always prepared for a happy death. The present time is therefore very precious: if thou carest not for thyself now, who will care for thee hereafter? Strive so to live now that in the hour of thy death thou mayst rather rejoice than fear. Keep thyself as a pilgrim and a stranger upon earth, seeking thy abiding city, thy real and enduring home above. Keep thy heart free to go thither, lifted up to God, unfettered by fleshly and worldly bonds. Send thither thy prayers, and guided by God's revelations look beyond the veil of death into the real blissful and beautiful home of thy soul. Think of what order, what loving, self-denying usefulness, what purity from all pride, self-love and self-righteousness prevail in heaven and make up the life of angels. Think of the many things that must be nothing to thee in the hour of death, and ask of thy soul what good thing she shall take with her then, what treasures she has laid up in heaven. Endeavor to live each day in the state in which thou wouldst desire to

die, and to practice daily those virtues which thou wouldest desire to possess and enjoy to eternity. Remember that conscience is formed in the soul here on earth or never: and that thy entering heaven hereafter will depend upon thy having admitted heaven to thyself during thy life here in the world. Endeavor to die daily to what thou wouldst not carry with thee, and have stand forth in the searching light of thy judgment to come.

Prayer.

KNOWING that I shall certainly die, but ignorant of the day, of the hour, and of the state of my soul in which I shall depart, I beseech thee, most blessed Saviour, to prepare me, especially through the benefits imparted in thy blessed Sacraments, for my departure in peace and perfect happiness from this world at whatever hour thou mayest call. Assist me to be faithful and diligent in my every duty, and to learn by conscientious performance of uses here, to do my part in thy holy kingdom of uses above. Grant that I may be attentive in all pious exercises, regular in frequenting thy Sacrament and other means of grace, constant in prayer and in the practice of the virtues that belong to my state; that so when thou shalt call I may receive thy most holy and precious consolation, the promise of thy Word, the hope of everlasting life in the mansion of my Father's house. Grant that I may ever persevere in thy grace, seek in all things to please thee, and at the last feel that blessed trust, that thou, O God, art the strength of my heart, and my portion forever. *Amen.*

GIVE, O Jesus, to all who approach thee in thy Holy Communion a constant courage to conquer themselves, an exact faithfulness answering to thy grace, a restraint upon the tongue, a recollection of mind, and the fullness of thy love and charity in their hearts. Be thou the ruler of our passions and the God of our souls; and grant that in and

after our communion we may establish the reign of thy truth by our obedience, the reign of thy goodness by our confidence, and the reign of thy grace by our fidelity. *Amen.*

Jesu! Bread of all the living,
Be thy food my soul's salvation;
Nor in sin and unbelieving,
Changed to utter condemnation.
Fed by meat and drink immortal,
Let me thirst nor hunger never;
Safely pass through death's dark portal,
Lord, to dwell with thee forever.

AT THE CELEBRATION.

Prayers before Holy Communion.

¶ *After the consecration of the elements, while others are communicating, one or other of the following Prayers may be said:*

O MOST gracious and loving Lord Jesus Christ, whom I devoutly desire to receive, thou knowest my weakness and the necessity which I suffer: what evils and vices I lie under, how constantly I am oppressed, tempted, troubled, and defiled. I come to thee for healing: I supplicate thee for comfort and relief. I speak to thee who knowest all things, and to whom the secrets of my heart are manifest, and who alone art able perfectly to help and comfort me. Thou knowest what good things I need, and how destitute I am of all virtues. Behold I kneel before thee begging for mercy and grace. Refresh thy humble suppliant: warm my coldness with the fire of thy love, enlighten my blindness with the brightness of thy presence. Turn earthly things to bitterness, and grievous and contrary things to patience. Lift up my heart to thee in heaven, and leave me not to

wander on earth. Be thou alone precious to me henceforth even for ever, for thou alone art my Meat and Drink, my love, my joy, and my delight. O that thou wouldst of thy pity, inflame, kindle and transport me into thyself, that I might be made one spirit with thee by internal union, and the melting of celestial love. Oh, suffer me not to depart hungry and thirsty from thee, but in thy mercy work in me as thou lovest to do to those that fear thy name. *Amen.*

Another.

I PRAY thee, O Lord, who by this most Holy Sacrament of thy Body and Blood dost feed us and give us to drink, who washest us and sanctifiest us and makest us partakers of the holy good and truth of thy Divine Humanity, grant me to be filled with thy holy graces, that I may with good conscience approach thy altar, and that thy Holy Sacrament may be made to me salvation and life.

O most sweet Bread, heal the palate of my heart that I may taste the sweetness of thy love—that, cleansed of all infirmities, I may find sweetness in nothing out of thee. O most pure Bread, who hast in thyself all delight and all sweetness, who ever refreshest us, and never failest in thyself, let my heart feed on thee, and my inmost soul be filled with the sweet savor of thy love. The angels feed on thee fully: let pilgrim man feed on thee after his measure that he may never faint by the way, being refreshed by thee with heavenly food.

Holy Bread, Living Bread, Pure Bread, who camest down from heaven and gavest life unto the world, come into my heart, and cleanse me from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Enter into my soul, heal and cleanse me within and without. Be the protection and continual health of my soul and body. Drive far from me those that lie in wait for my soul. Let my enemies flee before the presence of thy power; so that fenced within and without by thee, I may by a straight way pass through the perilous way of this world, and arrive at length

at thy kingdom, where thou reignest in thy Divine Humanity, the King, the Saviour, the Father of all, and art the all in all of thy heaven of angels. *Amen.*

¶ *Also read Hymn* 181, "Now my tongue the mystery telling;" 179, "Come, my soul, in joy array thee."

DEVOUT ASPIRATIONS AFTER RECEIVING THE HOLY COMMUNION.

¶ *Remain upon your knees in Adoration and Thanksgiving and utter the following or some other suitable aspirations:*

Psalm cl.: Praise God in his Sanctuary, etc.

ETERNAL thanks be to thee, O thou Creator and Redeemer of men, who, to manifest thy love to the whole world, hast prepared a great Supper wherein thou hast given us for food thine own most sacred Body and Blood, rejoicing all the faithful with thy Holy Banquet and replenishing them with the cup of salvation containing all heavenly delights.

LET my soul, O Lord, feel the sweetness of thy presence: grant that it may be filled with thy love and henceforth rejoice wholly in thee: for thou art the joy of my heart, my God, and my portion for ever. Thou art the Physician of my soul: thou healest my sickness with thy stripes. I am that sick soul whom thou carried from heaven to hell; heal therefore my soul, O Lord, for I have sinned against thee.

THOU art the Good Shepherd who hast laid down thy life for thy sheep. Behold me thy sheep who was lost, whom yet thou deignest to feed with thy Body and Blood. Take me now on thy shoulders and carry me in thy bosom. What canst thou deny me who hast given thyself to me? Be

thou my Shepherd and I shall lack nothing in the green pastures wherein thou feedest me until I am brought to the pastures of eternal life.

O TRUE Light, which enlightenest every man that cometh into the world, enlighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death. O Fire, ever burning, and never failing, behold how tepid and cold I am. O do thou inflame my veins and my heart that they may be kindled with the fire of thy love. Surround me with thy saving Presence, O only Deliverer of my soul. Be with me in the Fiery Furnace. Save me in the temptation-combats to which thy love is calling me. For thou art come to send a fire on the earth, and what wilt thou if it be enkindled!

O KING of heaven and earth, mighty in power and rich in compassion, behold me poor and needy. Thou knowest what I most require. Thou alone art able to enrich and to assist me. Help me, O God, and, out of the treasures of thy goodness, succor my needy soul. O my Lord and God, behold, I am thy servant: give me understanding and kindle all my affections by the grace of thy Spirit, who art Comfort, Life, Love, and Peace, that I may know and do thy will.

THOU art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot, that takest away the sins of the world. Take away from me whatever injures me and displeases thee, and give me what thou seest good in thine eyes and profitable to me. Thou art my God and my all: thou art the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. O Jesus, my God, my Redeemer, take me to thyself with that infinite love whereby thou in being thyself lifted up hast drawn all men unto thee. O thou who in thy humanity didst vouchsafe to die upon the cross for love of me, grant that I may die to the world and all sinful living, for love of thee! *Amen.*

¶ *Also read, if there be time, Hymn* 180, "God is in his temple;" 184, "Thee we adore."

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS FOR THE DAY OR WEEK AFTER RECEIVING THE HOLY COMMUNION.

Monday.

O MOST merciful Saviour, whose Divine gifts I have presumed to receive unto myself, relying on thy goodness and mercy, pardon my unworthiness, the scanty preparation, the little devotion, the coldness of heart, the lack of self-consecration in which I have dared to seek thy blessing. O that thou wouldst make me to detest my sins which make me so unworthy of thee and give me strength to resist them and desist from them for ever! That I might be all thine, as thou, O Loving Lord, art mine!

Tuesday.

THOU seest, O Searcher of hearts, all my maladies and all the wounds of my soul! Thou knowest how prone I am to evil and how backward and sluggard to good. Thou seest this self-love, that tyrannizes over my soul, which is so deeply rooted in my corrupt nature and branches out into so many vices; so much pride and vanity: so much covetousness and worldly solicitude; so much sensuality and concupiscence. Oh, who can heal all these my evils, but thou, the true Physician of my soul, who givest me thy Body and Blood in thy blessed Sacrament as a sovereign medicine for all my infirmities and a sovereign balsam for all my wounds?

Wednesday.

O SHINING Light of holy Truth! O burning Flame of saving Love! dispel the darkness of ignorance and error from my understanding and drive away the corruption and malice of my will. Restrain all the motives of my concu-

piscence, and all the irregular outbreaks of passion that they may no more prevail over me; strengthen my weakness with heavenly fortitude: destroy this monster of self-love, that it may no longer usurp the empire of my soul which belongeth to thee: root out my besetting sin: stand by me henceforward in all my temptations, that I may never more be overcome; remove from me all dangerous occasions; let thy Word be ever in my heart that I may not sin against thee.

Thursday.

O MY Saviour, thou art infinitely rich and all the treasures of Divine Grace are thy gift: thou bringest these with thee when thou dost visit us in this blessed Sacrament, and it is of thy Divine good-pleasure and mercy that thou openest them to us to enrich our poverty. Therefore only do I dare present my petitions to thee and beg of thee those graces and virtues of which I stand in great need as thou knowest. Oh, increase and strengthen my belief in thy heavenly truths, help me to live the spiritual life of faith and find my delight in thy law and the blessed precepts of thy Gospel. Teach me to be pure in spirit, and take off my heart from the love of these transitory things and fix it on eternity: teach me by thy Divine Example and by thy most efficacious grace, to be meek and lowly of heart and in my patience to possess my soul.

Friday.

O HOLY purging Fire of Divine Love, cleanse me within and without! Grant that I may ever keep my body and soul chaste and pure from the corruption of unholy desire; that I may ever bewail my past sins and by a daily mortification restrain all irregular inclinations and passions for the future. Above all things teach me to love thee, to be ever recollected in thee, and to walk always in thy presence: teach me to love my friends in thee and my enemies for thee;

grant me grace to persevere to the end in this love, and so to come one day to that happy place where I may love and enjoy thee for ever!

Saturday.

HOLY and loving Father of all! have mercy on my parents, friends, benefactors, all who are near and dear to me, all those for whom I am in any way bound to pray, that we may all love thee with a perfect love and serve thee faithfully in earnest devotion and in steadfast obedience to thy holy commandments. Have mercy on thy whole Church, on all priests and ministers, on all teachers and guardians of youth, on all who have professed thy holy religion, that they may live up to their calling and sanctify thy name. Grant thy grace and blessing to all rulers and magistrates and to all in important stations of trust and duty. Convert all unbelievers and sinners, and bring those who are in error back to thy fold. Especially do I implore thy grace and blessing upon N—— and M—— that thou wilt have them in thy holy keeping and do for them according to their needs and thine own unerring wisdom and never failing love. Our Father, etc.

DEVOUT SUPPLICATIONS AFTER COMMUNION.

O DIVINE REDEEMER, who hast in thy mercy deigned to come in unto me and to dwell in me in the gifts of thy holy Body and Blood, the Good and Truth of thy Divine Humanity, regard me with compassion and deign to supply a remedy to the evils of my soul. Behold, O Lord, the infinite multitude of sins of which I am guilty, particularly my proneness to—(*here name the more frequent or besetting sins* of

which you know yourself guilty). Thou knowest the little sorrow I feel for these my sins, the small endeavors I make to repent or to amend them by a new life. Thou seest to what a great variety of passions I am subject, to how many vices I am inclined, how great a love I have for pleasure and for my own ease Behold how worldly is my mind and how cold is my will, in all that concerns thy service and my salvation. Observe the uncertainty of my mind, the vehemence of my desires, the disorder of my thoughts, the frailty with which I allow myself to be carried from one sin to another, and the obstinacy with which I persist in them: behold, also, with what blind fury and stubborn determination my enemies prosecute my ruin and the danger to which I am continually exposed of losing my soul. Oh, have mercy on me and deliver me. Heal, I pray thee, my wounds: supply all my necessities: give me a real spirit of penitence, that conceiving a true sorrow for my sins I may learn to correct them by a new life and finally come to hate them.

Give me the victory over my passions: destroy all bad inclinations and evil habits: break all the bonds of mere earthly, carnal, and selfish attachments; grant me a lively faith, a firm confidence, an ardent charity, and an eminent share of all Christian virtues: open the eyes of my soul that it may discern the heavenly truths; banish languor and coldness from my heart: fill my mind with holy thoughts; restrain the wanderings of my imagination: subdue the rebellion of my appetite; arrest my unhappy tendencies toward sin: surround me with thy protection like a shield, and defend me from the fiery darts of my enemies: take me upon thy sacred shoulder, shelter me in thy loving bosom: bear me, as an eagle carries her young ones, to thy heavenly mansions, and leave me not, I implore thee, till thou hast placed me in that blessed asylum where I shall cease to fear the danger of being cast away for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN GRACES, AND ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS.

¶ *For simplicity of heart.*

O BLESSED Lord Jesus, who hast so strongly recommended us in thy Gospel to become humble and simple as little children, if we would enter into the kingdom of heaven, grant me that state of holy and spiritual infancy, and that simplicity and purity of heart, which may make me worthy of thy love. *Amen.*

¶ *For humility.*

GRACIOUS Lord, who, when thou wast upon earth, didst set me an example of meekness and lowliness of heart, show me, by the light of thy great humility, the darkness and folly of pride and a vain conceit of my own goodness; show me that I am nothing without thee; nay, that I am only what is most vile and degraded; that, by self-abasement before thee, I may be prepared for that spiritual elevation which thou hast promised to the humble; and, by a consciousness of my own weakness and infirmity, be prepared to receive strength from thee: and to thee alone, my God and Saviour, be all the praise and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *For resignation.*

O THOU Blessed Fountain of goodness, whose tender mercies are over all thy works, and who hast compassion on them that fear thee, even as a father pitieth his children, graciously hear the prayers of thy feeble creatures, who fix all their hopes on thy never-failing mercy; and, amid the many changes and sorrows of this mortal life, grant us a patient resignation to thy will, and contentment under the ruling of thy providence; which we ask for thy name's sake, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *For trust in God.*

O LORD, my heavenly Father, who orderest all things for my eternal good, mercifully enlighten my mind, and give me, who am forgetful of thy goodness, through the weakness of my faith, a firm and abiding trust in thy love and care. Silence my murmurings, quiet my fears, and dispel my doubts, that, rising above my weakness and my woes, I may magnify and adore thy great name, and repose on the Rock of everlasting strength, even thee, my mighty Redeemer and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *For a holy and useful life.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, my only God and Saviour, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, I beseech thee to direct, assist, and bless all my labors. Enlighten my understanding with the truths of heaven, and let thy will be my will in all things. Endue me with that humility and soberness of mind which thou delightest to reward with more and more of thy gifts and graces. Bestow upon me a discerning spirit, a sound judgment, and an honest and good heart, sincerely disposed to employ all the talents with which thou mayest intrust me to the enduring good of all my fellow-men, and to the eternal praise and glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

¶ *For renewed zeal in living the Christian life.*

WEARY, O Lord, of the inefficacy of my desires, and of offering thee only thoughts which I reduce not to practice, and promises which I never fulfill, I earnestly pray thee to grant me the grace to add effect to my desires, and to unite the practice with the knowledge of virtue; for I well know, as thou teachest in the Gospel, that not every one who says "Lord, Lord," shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do thy will. Grant, therefore, O my Saviour, that I may not only think of and desire, but ever accomplish the blessed precepts of thy law: for thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

¶ *For support in time of temptation and combat.*

O FATHER of mercies and God of all consolation, I beseech thee to support me in the perpetual combats I am summonèd to maintain against my passions, my self-love, and my whole self, which is so opposed to thee; for, alas, O God, what can I do of myself, if thou support me not, but fall into sin, and offend thee? Leave me not, therefore, to myself, but strengthen me in the inward man, so that I may at all times and in all things renounce my evil inclinations, which are incessantly endeavoring to withdraw my heart from thee. Complete thy conquest, and make me all thine own, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

For patience.

GRANT, O my Saviour, that thy patience in bearing with me and suffering for me may be the model and principle of my patience in suffering for thee; and that, trusting perfectly in thy merciful designs for my salvation, which thou wouldst secure for me by the good use I make of afflictions, I may receive all things with humble submission to thy holy will. *Amen.*

¶ *For the continual governance and protection of God.*

O ALMIGHTY Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments, that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul: which we beg for thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

¶ *For the abiding presence of God.*

O LORD, I beseech thee, be with me continually, and lift up thy face upon me. Teach, enlighten, and lead me, since, of myself, I can not do any thing that is good; and grant unto me that I may live. Let not the devil seduce me,

and instill evil into my heart; and let me be aware that, whilst I am not led by thee, the devil leads me, and breathes into me evils of every kind, as hatred, revenge, cunning, deceit, even as a serpent infuses poison: for he is present, excites, and continually accuses, and, wheresoever he meets with a heart turned away from God, he enters in, dwells there, and draws the soul down to hell. O Lord, deliver me. *Amen.*

¶ *Solemn ejaculations.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
Have mercy upon me.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
Have mercy upon me.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
Grant me thy peace.

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious Lord God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whom is the Divine Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who alone art the Creator, Redeemer, and Regenerator of men, have mercy upon me: bless, preserve, and keep me, now and evermore. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING AFTER A JOURNEY.

ALMIGHTY God, who savest our life from destruction, and crownest us with mercy and loving kindness: blessed be thy holy name that thou hast brought me [us] safe to the end of my journey, and preserved me from the innumerable accidents and dangers to which I was exposed. It is from thy providence that I have been protected from falls, or violence, so that not a bone of me is broken. From how many unforeseen dangers, O Lord, hast thou delivered me, and how many that have threatened me hast thou overruled! Lord, I will triumph in thy praise, and not only with my lips but in my life may I express my thanks by being more

obedient to thy divine commandments, and serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life; through thy mercy and bountiful grace, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER ON A BIRTH-DAY.

BLESSED Lord, Father and Maker of all, by whose great goodness I was fearfully and wonderfully made in my mother's womb, and unto whose blessed providence I have been left ever since I was born, and hung upon my mother's breast; I praise and magnify thy glorious name for thy great goodness to me, that thou hast protected, upheld and sustained me, that thou hast so mercifully guided me and brought me to this hour; and I humbly beseech thee that I may be taught to so number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom, that I may know to what end I was born, and had both body and life given me, even to serve thee my God, in serving my fellow-man. Grant that I may duly bewail my sins and deficiencies in years past, and laying off every weight strive hopefully and courageously forward to the attainment of thy good things which pass not away, and that living the rest of my days here in thy fear and the faithful performance of such duties as thou shalt appoint to my lot, I may at length, in peace and joy, finish my earthly course and pass by the gate of death into a blessed inheritance in thy kingdom above. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR ONE IN TEMPTATION.

I.

O LORD, be with me continually and lift up the light of thy countenance upon me. Deliver me from the temptations of the devil, and from the evils that he would instill

into my heart: let me remember that while I am not led by thee the devil leads me, and breathes into me evils of every kind, like the poison of a serpent; for he is present, excites, and continually accuses, and wherever he finds a heart turned away from God he enters in, dwells here, and draws the soul down to hell! O Lord, deliver me. *Amen.*

II.

HOLY and merciful Lord Jesus, who lovest all men and wouldst have none to perish, teach me thy law and strengthen me to keep it. Enable me to deny myself, to put away my besetting sin, to take up my cross and follow thee. In my weakness be thou my strength, in my gloom be thou my hope, in my darkness be thou my light. Leave me not to myself, but when I seem most abandoned and alone and have nowhere to look, be thou within me with thy strength divine, the tower of my refuge and my fortress. And when I would prove unfaithful to thee, dear Saviour, O turn thou and look upon me as thou didst look upon Peter, and recall me to thee with that Love of thine which goeth out to the ends of the earth to draw lost souls to thee. Let thy Holy Spirit recall the words thou hast spoken to me and the holy vows I have spoken to thee: and give me strength that I may be true to the end and endure all for thee faithfully. Grant this, Lord Jesus my only God and Saviour, for thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

III.

FROM the ends of the earth will I cry unto thee, O Lord, when my spirit is overwhelmed. O merciful Lord, look upon me to save me! My soul is among lions, even among them that are set on fire. Send from heaven and save me from the reproach of them that would swallow me up. O God, be merciful to me, be merciful to me: I cry to thee who wilt perform all things for me. My soul shall trust in thee; in the shadow of thy wing let me find my refuge until these

calamities be overpast. O shield me, keep me, save me, for thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

A LITANY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SORELY TEMPTED.

LORD JESUS, Lover of all men:
Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, Saviour of the world:
Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, who forgivest all who repent and turn to thee:
Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, who wast tempted even as I am:
Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, who knowest all and more than all the suffering that man can know:
Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, who having thyself been tempted art able to succor those who are tempted:
Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, who hast overcome the world and hast bidden all who believe in thee be of good cheer:
Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, who hast conquered the hells and put Satan forever under thy feet:
Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, only God, the mighty One, the only Saviour and Deliverer of human souls:
Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, who suffered the sinful, the low and the outcast to come near thee:
Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, who forgavest the sinful woman because she loved much:
Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, holy and just, whose word trieth the hearts and reins:

Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, who alone canst give the grace of repentance:

Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, whose word shall judge me in the last day:

Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, who wouldst have none to perish, and who died the death of the cross that all might live:

Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, who in being lifted up from the earth, dost draw all men unto thee:

Have mercy and save me.

Lord Jesus, Holy, Eternal, mighty God, *beside whom there is no God, no Saviour,* who hast all power in heaven and earth, and who wilt not leave desolate the soul that trusts in thee:

Have mercy and save me.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my transgression, and cleanse me from my sin: for I acknowledge my transgression and my sin is ever before me.

Have mercy and save me.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean:

Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to bear joy and gladness:

That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Create in me a clean heart, O God:

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence:

And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation:

And uphold me with thy free spirit.

O God, make speed to deliver me:

O Lord, make haste to help me.

OUR Father, who art in the heavens, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, as in heaven, so also upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. *Amen.*

O LORD, who hast made all men for heaven, suffer me not to lose my inheritance in the kingdom of light, and in the continued indulgence of my dearly loved and besetting sin, be preparing myself daily and hourly for an eternal abode in hell, whither nought but my own voluntary sins can lead me. Speak to my conscience the awful judgments of thy law, and make my heart to feel the drawing of thy tender love, and be near me to warn, to strengthen, to bless and to save me ever, O good and merciful Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who hast bidden us leave all and follow thee, grant me strength so to follow thee here, that when the probation of earth is past, I may dwell with thee in heaven forever. *Amen.*

O LORD JESUS, who goest before me in the way of the cross, and biddest those who would be worthy of thee, to take up their cross and follow thee: give me strength to bear my cross faithfully to the end, and receive me at last to thy eternal joy. *Amen.*

LORD JESUS, may the remembrance of thy passion and death preserve me from all evil, and strengthen me for all good. *Amen.*

LORD JESUS, have mercy upon all sinners: free them from their vices: give them heavenly virtues instead, and making them true observers of thy *law*, and lovers of thee, bring them in bliss to everlasting glory. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR EACH DAY OF THE WEEK.

FOR FAMILY WORSHIP.

Sunday Morning.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, our Saviour and our King, before whom the angels bow in love and adoration, we bless thee that thou hast brought us again to thy day of rest. Assist us, we pray thee, to use its hallowed privileges with thankfulness. Raise our hearts above worldly cares and anxieties, and give us light and peace. From thee come holy desires, good counsels, virtue, and purity, and wilt thou who knowest our faults and weaknesses, strengthen us against them and raise us out of them. Nourish us in thy love. Give us to eat thy flesh and drink thy blood, that we may have eternal life.

Let thy strength be perfected in our weakness. Grant that the prayers and the praises of thy Church to-day may rise as holy flames from living altars, as incense acceptable to thee. Bless us with devout attention to the reading of thy Word. May its truth be a light to our eyes, a lamp unto our feet. May we find in them the bread of heaven, the water of everlasting life.

Be present with us, blessed Lord Jesus, in all the hours of this day; and give to us, and to all thy children, the comforts we especially need. Renew us in goodness and truth, and advance us in the regenerate life. Impart to us the counsels and admonitions which will cause us to love thee daily more and to serve thee better. These blessings we ask for ourselves, our families, for thy whole Church, and for all men, in thy own holy name, Lord Jesus, and for thy tender mercies' sake.—Our Father, etc.

Sunday Evening.

O BLESSED and adorable Lord, King of saints, Inspirer, Source and Giver of life, Fountain of all perfection, who only art holy, accept our evening sacrifice. We bless thee for the mercies of this day, that thou hast been in the midst of us to seek, to save, and to bless us.

Impress upon thy servants, we beseech thee, the precepts, the consolations, and the glories of thy Word, which have this day been unfolded to us, and still abide with us. Give us the grace to abide in thee, for without thee we can do nothing. Build us up for heaven. Endue us with the will and the power to take up the cross of faithful discipleship and truly to follow thee.

O Lord Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath, grant that the healing influences of thy Word may be felt by all who have this day heard it; may its power, in thine adorable hands, cause the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, the dead to live. Wash with its living blood our hearts and minds, and so renew our lives, that we may become as little children in thy sight, humble, pure, and gentle. Take us into thy holy keeping to-night, and let us sleep in thee. Thus, gracious Saviour, impart to us thy righteousness, thy wisdom, and thy peace. We have no merits of our own, but thou art our all in all.—Our Father, etc.

Monday Morning.

ADORABLE Lord, our eternal Father, Creator, Fountain of mercy, Giver of all good, accept, we beseech thee, our hearty thanks for all thy benefits. We bless thee for our rest and sleep, for thy protection, during the hours of darkness, from all harm, spiritual and natural, and for our renewed life and strength; and we pray that, by thy help, O Lord Jesus, we may this day be preserved from every sin. Create within us, O Lord, desires for all that is good, thoughts in harmony

with thy truth, and a steadfast obedience to thy commandments. Help us, O Lord, by thy Holy Spirit, to live in peace with those around us, and to grow in the love of thee, of thy Word, and of thy kingdom. Revive within us, and impress upon us, during this week, the truths of thy Word unfolded to us in the Sabbath we have passed, and aid us to reduce them to practice. By thy precepts we may get understanding; so may we hate every false way. Be with us in our hours of weakness, make thy grace sufficient for us; and when this day shall close upon us, give us the humble confidence which can rely on thy compassion, and say, "Surely goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." These blessings we ask in thy own divine name, Lord Jesus, and for thy loving-kindness' sake.—Our Father, etc.

Monday Evening.

O LORD JESUS, in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we approach thy throne to bless thee for the mercies of this day. Thy care has preserved us in health, supplied us with food, with clothes, and with all the necessaries of this life. Thou hast sustained us in our place in thy beautiful world, and brought us to the close of another day in peace. We bless thee for the useful deeds thou hast this day enabled us to perform, and we beseech thee to strengthen and purify all our good desires. We acknowledge, O Lord, our shortcomings and our sins. Look with pity upon our weaknesses, blessed Saviour, and give us increasingly the power of loving thee above all things, and our neighbor as ourselves. Bless this household, we beseech thee; unite us more closely by the ties of heavenly affection. Animate us by a wish to serve each other. Remove from our hearts every disquieting cause of coldness or distrust, and make us one in the effort of living in thy fear. Fill us with the purpose of steadily minis-

tering to the regeneration of each other, that all of us may become angels at last in thy kingdom of peace and love. Take us into thy holy keeping to-night. Preserve us from all danger, and grant that when we awake in the morning our hearts, filled with gratitude for thy mercies, may be impelled to say with thy servants of old, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever." These blessings we ask in thy own gracious name, Lord Jesus, and for thy loving-kindness' sake.—Our Father, etc.

Tuesday Morning.

EVER-GRACIOUS Saviour and Redeemer, adorable Hearer of prayer, who hast invited us to come to thee, accept our praise, inspire and answer our petitions. Thy mercies are new every morning; renew, O Lord, our gratitude and love. Thine infinite love has formed us and made us in thine own image and likeness. Fill us, O Lord, with a holy dread of falling away from thee. Make us watchful against selfishness and sin. Open our hearts, blessed Saviour, to the light and the warmth which come from thy kingdom, and impart to us a tenderness that would shrink from every offence against thy holy will. Help us to regard this world as thy kingdom below. May we strive to recognize thy hand in all that is beautiful and good, because for thy pleasure all good things are and were created. In thee we live, and move, and have our being; help us to meditate upon and to praise thee every hour of this day. O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches. Fill us, blessed Lord, with the riches of thy love, thy wisdom, and thy power, and so confirm us in thy ways that we shall have faith in thy presence and thy goodness, and that we may be enabled to do justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly with thee our God. These mercies we ask in thy own name, Lord Jesus, and for thy loving-kindness' sake. —Our Father, etc.

Tuesday Evening.

ALMIGHTY Giver of all good, King of kings, and Lord of lords, by whose kind Providence we have been brought to the close of another day, accept our evening sacrifice. We bless thee for all thy gifts which we have this day enjoyed, and we pray thee to deepen in our hearts a sense of the multitude of thy mercies; for they are more than the hairs of our heads. We bless thee for all that thou hast ordained, we acknowledge also thy mercy in all thou hast permitted. Thy kingdom, O Most High, ruleth over all. We are sensible, O Lord Jesus, that all things are known to thee, our inmost motives and our secret thoughts: if, Lord, we have gathered this day aught of evil, be pleased to remove and to forgive it. In thy sight, O Lord, who can stand? but there is forgiveness with thee that thou mayest be feared. If, Lord, we have fallen into fretfulness, or into anger, be pleased to remove it by the healing influences of thy Holy Spirit. Bring home to our hearts thine own adorable example, and fill us with love for one another, even as thou hast loved us. Thus, Lord, infuse into us a spirit of meekness and of peace; and let us each retire to rest saying, with humble confidence in thy all-merciful protection, I will lay me down in peace and sleep, for thou, Lord, makest me to dwell in safety. These blessings we ask in thy own holy name, Lord Jesus, and for thy tender mercies' sake.—Our Father, etc.

Wednesday Morning.

O LORD JESUS, the First and the Last of all that is good and true, the Source of every blessing, we draw near to give thanks to thy holy name for thy merciful protection during the night, and for the opening blessings of another day. Thou hast preserved us from evil spirits during our sleep. Thou hast restored our bodies and our minds from exhaustion. Thou hast renewed our strength, thou

hast crowned us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. Blessed, for ever blessed, be thy holy name.

And now, O Lord, we would humbly beseech thee to preserve us this day in the heaven of loving thee. Dispose us to remember in all its hours that "light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart." Help us, O Lord, to realize the gracious truth that he who dwells in love dwells in God, for God is love. Impress upon us in our transactions with others that these are opportunities of acquiring the Christian spirit, of becoming like-minded with angels. Be thyself ever before us, as we go out and as we come in, our great example, our strength and our defence. Give us the grace, O Lord, to rest assured that as our day is so shall our strength be, that thy grace will be sufficient for us, and that all our times are in thy hand. These blessings we ask in thy own Divine name, Lord Jesus, and for thy goodness' sake.—Our Father, etc.

Wednesday Evening.

O LORD JESUS, the Creator as well as the Saviour of mankind, God over all, blessed for ever, we once more adore and worship thee. The day, O Lord, is past, and we recall in thankfulness its mercies. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. The splendors of the day have revealed thy glory; for the quietness of the night we would praise thy holy name. Inspire us now with thoughts of calmness, purity, and peace. We would meditate upon thee in the night-watches. The darkness and the light are both the gifts of thy love, and are both filled by thy mercy. In thy dispensations of good to us they are both alike to thee. Help us, O Lord, like thy servants of old, to have our songs in the night, during the times of our pilgrimage, and preserve us, heavenly Father, from the night of evil and error. Let no hidden dangers lead us away from thee. In this hour of temptation and of sorrow, and in

the valley of the shadow of death, let us feel thy hand leading and sustaining us. O Lord Jesus, may thy rod and thy staff comfort us, and bring us to the fresh dawnings of thy loving-kindness in our home and in eternity. These blessings we ask, all-gracious Saviour, for thy tender mercies' sake.—Our Father, etc.

Thursday Morning.

HOLY, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory! Just and true art thou, O King of saints. We beseech thee to accept our adoration this morning, and to impress us with a sense of thy love and mercy. We bless thee for thy guardianship during the night, for the loving-kindness which gave thine angels charge concerning us and kept us in perfect safety. Blessed Lord, continue the same holy guardianship during the day. May the sphere of heaven be around us during our labors amongst the things of earth, and preserve us from all evil in our goings out and in our comings in. Fill us, O Lord, with a deep sense of the importance of our daily work. Give us to see that act by act, and word by word, we are forming our everlasting state. May we neither trifle with our duty, nor suffer it to be tainted with injustice or wrong; but, blessed Saviour, preserve us from sin in motive and in act. Keep us from sins of omission. Make us diligent and ready at all times to do our daily duty, knowing that the true performance of our daily work is the highest form of charity. Thou knowest our weaknesses, O Lord, strengthen us to do good. Give us light. Give us love. Give us power to resist evil. Guide us in every case of doubt which this day may bring forth, and give us power against our besetting sin. O blessed Lord, go with us, remain with us, return with us. Let the feeling that we are thy children never depart from us; so may our meditations on thee be sweet. So may we be glad in thee our Lord. O Lord God of hosts, blessed are they who trust in thee.—Our Father, etc.

Thursday Evening.

MERCIFUL Redeemer, who hast brought us to the close of another day, bow down thine ear and hear us while we bless thee for thy mercies and entreat thee further to take us into thy holy keeping. Day unto day, O Lord, declares thy goodness, night unto night unfolds thy mercy. It is of thy mercy we are not consumed, because thy compassions fail not. It is of thy mercy that our souls have been delivered from the lowest hell, O keep us in our walk to heaven. Let thy Spirit, blessed Lord Jesus, be within us and around us, and thy merciful care be over us during the night, restoring us from weakness, and refreshing us in body and in soul. Help us to greater purity of heart, to faith in thee, to tenderness of conscience, to fervency of love. Give us, O Lord Jesus, patience charity, and peace.

Subdue in us, blessed Lord, all selfishness. Give us power over all serpent-like feelings and all aversion to the truth. Make us constantly to dread evil with an increasing fear, and to avoid worldly-mindedness and wrong. May the spirit of true religion grow within us until its holy duties and holy offices are our highest delight. Make all evil desires die within us, and all good resolutions to take their place, and that by thy mercy we may inherit thy gracious promise, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."—Our Father, etc.

Friday Morning.

O LORD JESUS, Father, Saviour, and King, once more we approach thy throne to ask thy blessing. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come!

Thou who hast given thy life for us, grant us to die to ourselves that we may live to thee. May the remembrance of thy Cross and Passion deliver us from all evil and strengthen us for all good. Thou in thy Divine Humanity art the Sun of our souls, the Shield which defends us from danger. O Lord, we

trust in thee, but do thou help us to trust and love thee more. Keep us, O Lord, from every kind of danger. Should temptation befall us and we be enshrouded in darkness, O thou who wast tempted as we are and yet without sin, be present to help and deliver us! O prevent us from falling away from thee and from the purity of thy law.

O Lord, give us strength to be true and steadfast to thee in all things even the least, remembering thy Divine admonition: he that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much. Strengthen us, blessed Lord, against the evils to which we are most prone, and save us from the sins which most easily beset us. Thus, Lord, keep us in thy faith and in thy fear, and grant that we may never forget that in loving our neighbor and denying the love of self we best manifest our love to thee, our only wise God and Saviour, to whom we render glory and majesty, dominion and power, forever and ever.—Our Father, etc.

Friday Evening.

O HOLY Lord and Saviour, thou who livest and wast dead, who reignest over all worlds, who openest and no man shutteth, and shuttest and no man openeth, we bless thee for the mercies of this day. We bless thee for the strength thou hast vouchsafed, we bless thee for the experience that has revealed our weakness. Thou knowest, O Lord, how frail we are, how easily we slide into forgetfulness, into error, and into sin. Lord, help us and pardon our shortcomings. When we would do good, evil is present with us. What we would not, that we do. If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquity, who could stand? but there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. O Lord, help us in our trials. O Lord, make thy strength perfect in our weakness. Aid us to flee from self and abide in thee. Give us true repentance for whatever we have done that is wrong, and perseverance still to follow thee. Give thine angels charge over us to keep us

in all our ways. Remove from our hearts the corruptions which still defile them, and give us a deep loathing for all that is impure in thy sight. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

Bless us, Lord Jesus, with a spirit of patience. Impress upon us that eternity is before us, and that whatever we suffer here is intended to work out our eternal good. Give us grace, then, to be patient under contradiction, patient under sorrow, patient under suffering, for thou, O Lord, art Divinely patient, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works. Grant us contentment in every state, and a faithful continuance in well-doing. So shall the ground of our souls be hallowed to the production of heavenly graces, and our short afflictions, which are but for a moment, work out for us thy Divine peace, which passes all understanding. These mercies we ask, blessed Lord Jesus, for ourselves, for those we love, and for all the world, in thy own adorable name, and for thy loving-kindness' sake.—Our Father, etc.

Saturday Morning.

O LORD JESUS, Divine Source of charity and every good, we once more adore thee, we bless thee, we magnify thy holy name. Accept, O Lord, our thanks for the Divine care over us during the week that is passing away, and we entreat thee still to abide with us. We pray thee for the gift of charity and of good-will to all mankind. Increase within us the love of one another. Take away, we beseech thee, all disposition to harsh judgments of others. Help us to remember that we are every day spared by thee in a thousand ways, and incline us to regard all around us with gentleness and pity. Infuse into us the spirit of heaven; and while we are faithful to all that is right, O help us to be considerate and tender to those with whom we have to do. Preserve us, blessed Saviour, from self-will, pride, and all contempt for others. Give us the celestial grace of humility in our affec-

tions and thoughts, our words and our works. Abide in us, and let us abide in thee.

Let our words, O heavenly Father, be governed by kindness and truth. Graciously preserve us in the recollection of thy Divine warning, that by our words we shall be condemned, or by our words we shall be justified. Let no words hurtful to the character of others escape our lips, but keep us mindful in our discourses, as well as in our deeds, of the obligation of kindness and justice to all. Go with us, O Lord, wherever we go, and let thy Spirit be to us an inward monitor, a blessed voice saying, "This is the way, walk thou in it."

Bless, we beseech thee, all the members of our household, and grant that there may be present with us all in our mutual intercourse this day, the ruling motive of loving thee above all things, and our neighbor as ourselves. These blessings we ask in thine own sacred name, Lord Jesus, and for thy tender mercies' sake.—Our Father, etc.

Saturday Evening.

O HOLY and adorable Father of mercies, the beginning and end of all that is good, we once more desire to bless thy holy name. By thy kind Providence we have been sustained and protected during the week that is closing upon us. Accept our heartfelt thanks. Still abide with us, beloved Saviour. Be to us a sun and a shield both in our going out and in our coming in. Thou, Lord, hast seen our deeds in the week that is past. Thou knowest all our secret states, our weaknesses, and our faults. Whatever we have gathered of evil, be pleased to remove it from us. Cleanse us from our secret and our besetting sins, especially those of which our consciences at this time accuse us. Thou, O Lord, knowest all our shortcomings, and our waywardness. O grant that a yearning for better things may henceforth inspire us. We would hunger and thirst after righteousness, blessed Lord Jesus, that we may be filled.

We bless thee that thou hast taught us that amidst all our other concerns there is one thing needful, to live for heaven. O Lord, renew in us day by day the thought of this great end of our existence. Give us continually the grace to do thy will on earth, as it is done in heaven.

We give thee thanks, great Saviour, that we are brought to the eve of another Sabbath. May its blessed influence hallow it to our eternal good. Grant that we may use its privileges devoutly, and that we may be brought into closer communion with thee. Let thy Word be to us a source of strength, a holy balm for our sins and sorrows, a Divine light, and hidden manna for our souls. So may we hallow thy Sabbaths, gracious Lord, and find in them the atmosphere of heaven, the seasons of interior peace. These mercies we ask, Lord Jesus, in thy own Divine name, and for thy loving-kindness' sake.—Our Father, etc.

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